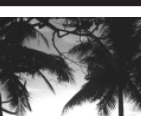


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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Church sex abuse: The Archdiocese of Boston has received at least 140 new reports of sexual abuse by priests, but said it will not negotiate the claims until it resolves disputes with its insurers over payment of last year's \$85 million settlement.

Archdiocese spokesman the Rev. Christopher J. Coyne told the Boston Sunday Globe that the archdiocese cannot afford to settle the new claims, which legal analysts said could come to about \$20 million.

Mitchell Garabedian, an attorney for some of the plaintiffs in the new round of claims, said the church has enough resources to settle the claims without insurance.

Sheltering accused priests: Some Roman Catholic religious orders have been sheltering priests in Rome despite claims that the men sexually abused minors, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Of the seven accused priests the newspaper located, one has been indicted in Arizona, but refuses to return to face the charges. Two others had admitted to abuse years ago, but now face additional claims.

World

Israeli withdrawal from Gaza: Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday criticized extremist opponents of his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, saying that heightened rhetoric could lead to civil war.

Sharon issued the warning hours before opponents of his Gaza pullout plan were to hold a mass demonstration in Jerusalem. Protest organizers accused Sharon of smearing what they said is an overwhelmingly peaceful resistance movement.

Israeli barrier expansion: Responding to a Supreme Court order, Israel plans to re-examine a 125-mile section of its West Bank barrier that was built months ago, Israeli media reported Sunday.

The High Court ruled in July that a 20-mile stretch of the structure violated Palestinian rights and international law. A U.N. world court nonbinding advisory opinion — also issued in July — declared the barrier illegal and called on Israel to tear it down.

Australian security: Australia would be safer if it had not supported the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, opposition Labor Party leader Mark Latham said Sunday, just days after Canberra's embassy in Jakarta was hit by a deadly bomb attack.

In the only scheduled debate between Latham and Prime Minister John Howard



Pakistani prisoners released in Afghanistan: Pakistani prisoners line up after their release Sunday from Pul-e-Charki prison in Kabul. The group of 363 Pakistani war prisoners jailed for fighting with the Taliban were released from the jail in a gesture meant to heal touchy relations with Asian neighbors. Many Taliban fighters have languished in crumbling Afghan jails, waiting for politicians to decide their fate.

before Oct. 9 federal elections, Latham said Howard's government should have concentrated its resources on identifying and breaking up terror networks closer to home.

Russian hostage crisis: Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Sunday that Moscow and Washington speak a common language on fighting terror, and defended Russia's right to lead pre-emptive strikes on terrorist bases abroad in the wake of the school hostage seizure.

Ivanov said he had spoken twice with U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld last week, adding that the U.S. administration was more receptive to Moscow's arguments than some European officials.

"I attribute it to the fact that the Americans and the U.S. military have a better understanding of the seriousness of this threat since the United States and us both have been targeted in powerful terror attacks," Ivanov said in an interview on the NTV television channel.

WWII reparations in Poland: The Polish government views the question of German reparations for World War II as closed, Warsaw's ambassador to Germany said in comments published Sunday after Polish lawmakers urged their government to seek compensation.

The nonbinding resolution passed Friday by the lower house of parliament was a response to claims by some Germans for restitution of former property in Poland. While it expressed understanding for lawmakers' con-

cerns, the government had raised worries that it could harm relations with Germany.

Indonesian terror attack: Indonesian police warned Sunday of more terror attacks as they stepped up investigations into a suicide bomb that killed nine people and wounded more than 170 in front of the Australian Embassy.

"There are many suicide bombers still out there," said a top police official, who refused to be named. "There is the possibility of another attack, but it's difficult to predict where they will strike."

Police said they were searching for two suspected masterminds of Thursday's embassy attack — Malaysians Anwar bin Husin and Noordin Top — who they believe are key members of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group which has been blamed for the bombing.

War on terrorism

Pakistan militant clashes: Pakistan's army reported up to 11 people died in clashes between security forces and militants Sunday in a restive tribal region near the Afghan border where al-Qaida-linked fighters are believed to be hiding.

The clashes began around midnight when militants attacked security forces in the mountains of South Waziristan — where the military says it killed more than 60 militants last week when it destroyed a suspected terrorist training camp.

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Yokota wraps up 2-week program on DUIs

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Yokota's 374th Security Forces Squadron wrapped up a two-week campaign early Sunday aimed at halting intoxicated drivers.

The "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" program, which began Aug. 27, was an extension of a nationwide U.S. crackdown on drunken driving. The effort started five years ago in the United States, but Yokota officials were taking part for the first time.

Each night over the past two weeks, security forces personnel — aided by unit first sergeants and other chief master sergeants — set up DUI checkpoints at random locations around base. None led to an arrest, said Master Sgt. Alain Clifford, the noncommissioned officer in charge of police services for the 374th Security Forces Squadron.

"We didn't have one for the entire month of August," he said. "For the national campaign, they put it at the end of summer around Labor Day. In the U.S., there's usually a spike in DUI cases to round off the summer."

Clifford said Yokota has seen just 10 incidents involving DUI this year and none since July — a dramatic decrease from 2003, when 32 cases were documented.

Most drunken-driving suspects are picked up at the base gates, he added.

"They have to come through the gates and show their ID cards," he said. "The chances of them making it through are slim to none. Our civilian guards are very good at what they do, and they catch a large number of drunk drivers at the gates."

Others surface around the installation and in off-base traffic accidents, Clifford said. That typically happens when residents report a motorist driving erratically or Japanese police alert security forces about a situation outside the gates.

Those found driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs could lose their licenses for up to a year, he said. It depends on the severity of the case, and commanders make the final call.

"We catch them in the process," he added. "Then, we forward the paperwork off, and commanders handle punishment."

We don't get involved in that aspect at all."

U.S. civilians are subject to punitive action by the Yokota Conduct Adjudication Program. Japanese employees picked up on base must be handed over to Japanese authorities, Clifford said.

Legally, a blood-alcohol content of .08 and above is considered DUI. When it measures .05 to .079, it's driving while intoxicated. Base officials say DUI offenders could lose their licenses for up to two years. DWI violations can trigger a six-month suspension.

Drivers who register between .03 and .049 are subject to DWID (driving while drinking indicated) on base.

"In those cases, we feel their driving ability may be impaired," Clifford said. "We can bring them in and make them sign a letter that's basically a 12-hour driving suspension. It's a safety issue, not only to keep them from driving on base but off base as well. It keeps them from getting a DUI."

But when U.S. servicemen or women are implicated for DUI off base, where .03 is the legal threshold, Japanese police determine whether the suspects are turned over to military officials.

"It can go either way," Clifford said. "They can be prosecuted in a Japanese court for drunk driving. It doesn't take much at all to get to .03."

Another "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" campaign likely will be launched around the Christmas and New Year's holidays, he said, adding that efforts to combat the problem never cease.

"We always focus on DUIs. There's just more emphasis during these two weeks," Clifford said. "But we're not going to ignore it now that this is over. Our goal is an entire year with no DUIs."

"We're not saying, 'Don't drink.' We're saying, 'Don't drink and drive.' There are too many opportunities for people to get rides around base to where they're going. I encourage people to use them."

Options include calling 225-RIDE, unit commanders and first sergeants, duty managers at the Yokota Enlisted Club who will give people emerging from that establishment a lift home. In a worst-case scenario, Clifford said, security forces may be contacted.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs kills 16,000 people in the United States each year. More than 300,000 are hurt and 1.5 million arrested. One in three Americans will be affected by it in their lifetimes.

For more information about the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" program, visit www.enforcement-saveslives.com

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Thousands on Okinawa protest August helicopter crash

BY DAVID ALLEN AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA

Stars and Stripes

GINOWAN, Okinawa — Thousands of Okinawans thronged the athletic field at Okinawa International University on Sunday to protest the Aug. 13 crash of a Marine helicopter on the school's grounds.

At times, the cheer and applause of the crowd drifted over the fence of the adjacent Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, home of the CH-53D Sea Stallion heavy lift helicopter that crashed on its way back to the base. The rotors clipped the school's administration building and the helicopter crashed and burst into flames.

The three crewmen were rescued before the flames engulfed the wreckage. All three, based out of Hawaii and on Okinawa for six months of training, were treated at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lejeune. All three have been released.

No civilians were injured in the crash, but debris was scattered over a wide residential area and the incident renewed calls for closing the base, located in the middle of urban Ginowan.

Two hundred white doves were released from the rally stage at 2 p.m., marking the moment when the helicopter crashed and beginning the two-hour event.

Yuchi Iha, Ginowan's mayor and the rally's organizer, said the crash made the danger real to the city residents who live under the roof of rotors and aircraft engines.

"For our residents, the noise of military aircraft has always been nuisance but now it is a realistic terror," Iha said. "We must take the accident as the final warning about the danger of this station. Should another accident occur, it is easy to imagine that it would cause heavy casualties."



DAVID ALLEN/Stars and Stripes

Dozens of banners like this one, stating "No to the Futenma Air Station," were on display on the athletic field at Okinawa International University during a protest Sunday. The event was sponsored by the city of Ginowan, whose mayor has called for early closure of the air base following a crash of a Marine helicopter at the university Aug. 13. City officials said some 30,000 people attended the rally.

He noted that debris from the stricken helicopter was strewn about 328 yards from the crash site in a heavily populated area, damaging 26 homes.

"It was indeed a miracle that no student or resident was injured in the accident," he said. "To protect life and ensure a peaceful living environment for each resident, flight operations at the air station must be immediately suspended."

Iha, who spent part of the summer in the United States lobbying for an early closure of MCAS Futenma, said the deadly crash is long past for moving Marine air operations elsewhere.

In 1996 the United States and Japan agreed to close the base

within seven years once an alternate site for Marine air operations could be found on Okinawa. Political arguing and anti-base protests have delayed construction of a new airport in rural northeast Okinawa.

"To make the situation worse, in the past few years, flight activities have been remarkably increased and the helicopter fleet is aging," Iha said. "The danger posed by the air station is far greater now than at the time the closure agreement was made."

Contacted Sunday night, Marine spokesman 2nd Lt. Antony Andrius said the Marine Corps "has always been an advocate of the relocation of MCAS Futenma once a suitable alternate site is available."

"We are also extremely apologetic for the anxiety that this incident has caused the people of Okinawa and the residents of Ginowan," he added. "We are very delighted ... with the cooperation that now exists between the Okinawa Prefectural Government and the U.S. government in doing a joint property damage assessment."

Marine officials including 1st Gen Robert R. Blackburn, Okinawa area coordinator, have apologized to Okinawans and pledged an extensive investigation. U.S. Forces Japan Commander 1st Gen Thomas C. Waskow has said investigators will give Japan a full report after the investigation closes, likely in late September.

Tomooki Toguchi, president of the Okinawa International University, called for the air station's immediate closing, stating the crash "was a terrible disaster."

"The lives of our students, faculty and citizens were threatened, and the university's autonomy was invaded under the name of the status of forces agreement," he said.

Ginowan and university officials have protested how the U.S. military handled the incident. The crash site was controlled by the Marines until all the wreckage was removed; local authorities were not allowed to examine anything taken from the site.

"The situation surrounding the air station today is beyond the limit of our patience," Toguchi said.

Waskow has defended the Marines' actions after the crash. Speaking Aug. 26 at the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo, he referred to the U.S.-Japan Status of Forces Agreement, which gives the U.S. military control of the sites of accidents occurring while servicemen are on active duty.

"Our response was conducted precisely within the confines of the agreements we have with the government of Japan," Waskow said. "I would like to assure you that the U.S. has cooperated fully with local authorities throughout the entire process."

Sunday, however, many people in the crowd explained the fears they have from living so close to an air base.

"It gives me the chills to think that it could have been my house where the helicopter crashed," said a 28-year-old man who lives in Ginowan. He identified himself only by his family name, Chibana.

"I felt that we all should join in the rally to let our voices be heard," he said.

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At least 59 dead in violent day across Iraq

Arab journalist killed in U.S. airstrike while filming report

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents hammered central Baghdad on Sunday with one of their most intense mortar and rocket barrages ever in the heart of the capital, heralding a day of violence that killed nearly 60 people nationwide as security appeared to spiral out of control.

At least 37 people were killed in Baghdad alone. Many of them died when a U.S. helicopter fired on a disabled U.S. Bradley fighting vehicle as Iraqi insurgents swarmed, cheering, throwing stones and waving the black and yellow sunburst banner of Iraq's most-feared terrorist organization.

The dead from the helicopter strike included Arab television reporter Mazen al-Tumeizi, who screamed, "I'm dying, I'm dying," as a cameraman recorded the chaotic scene. An Iraqi cameraman working for the Reuters news agency and an Iraqi freelance photographer for Getty Images were wounded.

Maimed and lifeless bodies of young men and boys lay in the street as the stricken U.S. vehicle was engulfed in flames and thick black smoke.

Across the country, the death



A U.S. military helicopter flies near a destroyed Humvee after a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb near it on Sunday in Baghdad. The militant group Tawhid and Jihad claimed responsibility for Sunday's series of coordinated attacks in Baghdad, including near the U.S.-run prison Abu Ghraib.

toll Sunday was at least 59, according to figures from the Health Ministry, the Multinational Force command and local authorities. Nearly 200 people were wounded, more than half of them in Baghdad.

Strong detonations again shook Sunday. There were no reports of damage or casualties.

As the early-morning barrage was under way in Baghdad, insurgents attacked the infamous U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison on the

city's western edge. Several mortar shells exploded outside the complex about 6 a.m., and about 20 minutes later a pickup truck packed with artillery shells crashed through the chain-link fence on the outer perimeter.

Marines opened fire and the vehicle exploded before reaching the main security wall, killing the driver, a military statement said.

Seven people were later arrested, it said.

Tawhid and Jihad, a militant

group linked to al-Qaida and led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said it carried out Sunday's coordinated campaign of violence in Baghdad.

The statement's source could not be verified, but the scope and intensity of the attacks raised serious questions about the state of security, which has deteriorated since the June 28 transfer of sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government.

In Basra, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi vowed to pursue insurgents.

"We are adamant that we are going to defeat terrorism," Allawi said. "We intend to confront them and bring them to justice."

Interior Minister Fakh al-Hassan al-Najib suggested the attacks could be in response to a government operation against the Adel neighborhood of west Baghdad, an insurgent hotbed. However, the scope of the attacks suggested they had been in preparation for some time.

Meanwhile, 10 people were killed and 40 were wounded in fighting in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, said hospital director Abdulrahman al-Ahmed.

Three American soldiers and two Iraqi civilians were wounded Sunday when a suicide driver blew up his car next to a U.S. Army convoy on the road to Baghdad International Airport, American sources said. The vehicle was one of seven car bombs reported Sunday in Iraq, two of which did not explode, the sources said.

Rockets and mortar shells began

rainning down before dawn on the Green Zone, headquarters of the Iraqi government and its U.S. allies, and other parts of central Baghdad. As the shelling continued after sunrise, U.S. troops backed by armored vehicles moved into the streets searching for the attackers.

A Bradley fighting vehicle rushing down Haifa Street, a major traffic artery near the Green Zone, to assist a U.S. patrol was disabled by a car bomb about 6:30 a.m., the U.S. military said. Two Bradley crewmen were wounded by the bomb and four were injured by grenades and small-arms fire as they fled the vehicle, the military said. Jubilant forces, curiosity seekers and young boys swarmed around the burning vehicle, dancing, cheering and hurling firebombs. Several young men placed a black and yellow banner of Tawhid and Jihad in the barrel of the Bradley's main gun.

Fears the crowd would loot the vehicle of weapons and ammunition, American soldiers called for air support, and as U.S. Army helicopters flew over the burning Bradley "they received small-arms fire from the insurgents in vicinity of the vehicle," a military statement said.

Iraq's Health Ministry said 13 people were killed and 61 wounded on Haifa Street, though it was unclear how many were killed by the helicopter strike. Scattered shoes, pools of fresh blood and debris littered the street.

Twelve more people died and 41 were injured in other violence across the city Sunday, the Health Ministry said.

General convinced bin Laden still pulling strings from underground

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The trail has gone cold in the hunt for suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden three years after the audacious attacks, but the al-Qaida chief and his No. 2 are still orchestrating strikes like the recent suicide car bombing of a U.S. security firm in Kabul, a top American commander said.

Maj. Gen. Eric Olson said the military had not intercepted any radio traffic or instructions from either bin Laden or his deputy,

Ayman al-Zawahiri. But he said the involvement of well-trained foreign fighters in attacks near the Pakistani border convinced him that the fugitive leaders were pulling the strings. "What we see are their techniques and their tactics here in Afghanistan, so I think it is reasonable to assume that the senior leaders are involved in directing those operations," Olson, the operational commander of U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, said in an interview Saturday.

The Aug. 26 car bomb that killed about 10 people, including three Americans, at the office of a firm

providing bodyguards for President Hamid Karzai also bears the hallmarks of the militant network, Olson said. "We've even tied it to a group that has ties to al-Qaida. It could be a splinter group of some sort," Olson said after a Sept. 11 ceremony at the U.S. base at Bagram north of Kabul.

"It's a new group, apparently a group that was carved from al-Qaida," he said. "They have members in Pakistan and they have been active in Afghanistan, and this recent attack is the most blatant example."

There were reports Saturday of

fresh fighting in the country, where more than 900 people are mostly Afghan security forces and rebels — have died in political violence this year.

In the southern southern province of Zabul, Afghan officials said two Arabs were killed and two more captured in a firefight with U.S. and Afghan troops, and that Taliban gunmen killed two elders

for supporting the government. In neighboring Kandahar, eight Taliban fighters and three Afghan soldiers were reported killed in two more incidents.

Olson said some militants attacking U.S. forces along the Pakistani border with mortars and rockets expertly adjust their aim — betraying a level of training not commonly seen among Taliban fighters.

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U.S. has a plan to quash extremists, Powell says

Difficult time expected before Iraq elections

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that the United States has a plan to quash the insurgency raging in several Iraqi cities and bring those areas under control in time for national elections in January.

Powell acknowledged that the U.S.-led coalition faces a "difficult time," but he said President Bush's administration is committed to making Iraq stable. "This is not the time to get weak in the knees or faint about it, but to drive on and finish the work that we started," he told NBC's "Meet the Press."

The secretary of state said U.S. commanders are working with Iraqi military leaders and the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi to put down the extremists in control of Fallujah and other cities.

"The insurgency 'will be brought under control,'" Powell said. "It's not an impossible task."

Powell also dismissed the possibility of delaying Iraqi elections, which are scheduled for the end of January. "Nobody's planning to postpone the elections," he said.

"When that insurgency is put down, what the people of the world will see are Iraqis in charge of their own destiny, moving forward toward an election that will provide for a representative form of government," said Powell. "It's going to be something that we'll be able to be proud of."

Later, on "Fox News Sunday," Powell spoke of fighting "a difficult insurgency." But, he added, "We have to make sure that we prevail over that insurgency — not just us, but the Iraqi interim government, as well. And we will prevail. And there will be elections."

Last week, U.S. jets targeted insurgents in Fallujah with missiles over a four-day period. U.S. and Iraqi authorities lost control of the city in April, and Marines turned it over to a U.S.-sanctioned force of Iraqis that has since disappeared.

Powell acknowledged the possibility that the violence could continue in Iraq "for some time. This in-

surgency isn't going to go away."

He pointed to the buildup of Iraq's security forces and said the Baghdad government increasingly would be able to handle "its own security problem."

"I think the insurgency can be brought down to a level, and I'd like to see it go away entirely. I want to see it defeated. But I think, over time, you will see it being brought under control," Powell said.

The United States realized at the time of the transfer of political control this summer that it was "the time of maximum danger as the insurgents come after us" in hopes of derailing the upcoming elections.

"We're not going to let them go back to the days of Saddam Hussein, Powell said. "We can't let them go back."

"So this is not the time to simply take counsel of our fears and say, 'Oh, this is terrible, terrible.' We've faced challenges like this in the past and we've overcome them, and we'll overcome them in this instance, as well," Powell said.

He added that the United States "did miscalculate the difficulty" of curbing the insurgency after the war, but did not underestimate the challenge being facing now.

Thus, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has left more troops in Iraq than the United States had expected to a few months ago.

"When the situation changes, you adjust," Powell said.

"When that insurgency is put down, what the people of the world will see are Iraqis in charge of their own destiny, moving forward toward an election that will provide for a representative form of government."

Colin Powell
Secretary of State



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers work to set up Army cots in the warehouse being used as the ESPN SportsCenter studio. The cots are being used as benches. Dozens of soldiers took part in the construction and decoration of the studio and ESPN offices in Kuwait.

Soldiers help to build ESPN studio in Kuwait

BY JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

When ESPN starts its weeklong "Salute the Troops" live broadcasts from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Tuesday morning, they'll not only thank the troops for their service, but for the entire SportsCenter studio.

Soldiers assigned to this camp had their hands in nearly every aspect of the Kuwaiti SportsCenter studio and offices — from construction to camouflage.

"It was a collective effort," said ESPN senior coordinating director Dave Weiler. "I think it'll look great and give a flavor of what life is like here."

Soldiers from Company B, 448th Engineer Battalion of Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, spent five days building a 40-by-60-foot stage, ESPN's wooden office complex, and camera platforms in one of Arifjan's large warehouses.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Figueroa, who designed the SportsCenter studio facilities, actually does set construction in San Juan. "We do props, sets and special effects for TV and films," he said.

Figueroa and his wife, Zina,

started their company, The Prop Masters Inc., 20 years ago. "When they told me that they needed a stage I thought it was odd, like God put this in our path," he said.

All together, 21 soldiers from the 448th helped build the studio. "They're young, dedicated and talented," Figueroa said. "I told them all to promise not to be my competition when we're back."

Their dedication and construction talents were definitely noticed by the ESPN crew.

"I've said this before, the people we pay money to help us aren't as helpful as the people here," said ESPN senior coordinating producer Mike McQuade.

Soldiers also decorated the set, creating corner bunkers, a mortar position, tent and sandbagged anchor's desks.

"It's how you'd see it in the field, but not to scale," said Master Sgt. Brian Washington of the Area Support Group Kuwait, who along with Master Sgt. Herbert Almond and Sgt. 1st Class David Dismukes oversaw the soldiers' work.

"We're trying to make it look good," said Spc. Lucas Monahan of the 175th Maintenance Company, an Army Reserve unit from Fort Jackson, S.C. ("ESPN put in their input, we put in ours, and this is what we got.")

Nearly two-dozen soldiers from the area support group worked to clean and decorate the stage, plus set up dozens of Army cots for seats, said Washington. A large bank of bleachers was towed in for additional seating.

Washington, the support group's operations sergeant major, said that soldiers from the camp's facilities engineering department and director of installations office also helped out.

"Soldiers can do anything," said Dismukes. "They make a lot happen, just tell them what you want and give them the resources to do it. This is the proof."

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Huge explosion reported in North Korea

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
The Associated Press

SEOUL — A huge mushroom cloud that reportedly billowed up from North Korea was not caused by a nuclear explosion, South Korean and U.S. officials said Sunday, but they said the cause was a mystery.

Secretary of State Colin Powell confirmed that unusual activity had recently been detected at some of North Korea's atomic sites, but he said there was no concrete evidence the North's secretive communist regime was preparing for its first nuclear test explosion.

The South Korean news agency Yonhap reported Sunday that a mammoth explosion in North Korea produced a mushroom cloud more than 2 miles across Thursday. It said the blast was stronger than an April explosion that killed 160 people and injured an estimated 1,300 at a North Korean railway station when a train carrying oil and chemicals apparently hit power lines.

"There was no indication that there was a nuclear event of any kind," Powell said of Thursday's inci-

Official: N. Korea might try to test nuclear weapon

BY DEB RIECHMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States has received indications North Korea might be trying to test a nuclear weapon, a senior Bush administration official said Sunday.

The White House periodically receives reports that North Korea is seeking to test a nuclear weapon, the official said.

Democrat John Kerry said that just the idea that the United States was thinking North Korea might test a nuclear weapon highlights a national security failure by Bush. "North Korea's nuclear program is well ahead of what Saddam Hussein was

even suspected of doing," wrote the president took his eye off the ball, wrongly ignoring this growing danger," Kerry said in a statement. "What is unfolding in North Korea is exactly the kind of disaster that it is an American president's solemn duty to prevent."

President Bush's senior foreign policy advisers said publicly Sunday that they did not think the reported explosion Thursday near North Korea's border with China was related to North Korea's nuclear aspirations.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said on CNN's "Late Edition" that it would not be "smart" for North Koreans to test because it would further isolate them.

dent. "Exactly what it was, we're not sure."

Kim Jong-min, spokesman for the South Korean presidential office, told Yonhap. "Currently, we are trying to find out in detail the exact character, cause and size of the accident, but we don't think North Korea conducted a nuclear test."

China's government, which has the closest relations with North

Korea, had no immediate comment about the reported explosion.

Before Yonhap's report, The New York Times Sunday editions said senior U.S. intelligence officials had seen signs of activities that some analysts thought might indicate North Korea was preparing a nuclear bomb test. Other experts were more cautious in their assessments, but the develop-

ments were considered worrisome enough for the White House to be alerted, the Times said.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week," Powell said there were "some activities taking place at some sites that we are watching carefully, but it is not conclusive that they're moving toward a test or they're just doing some maintenance at that site."

On Saturday, North Korea said

recent revelations that South Korea conducted secret nuclear experiments involving uranium and plutonium made the communist state more determined to pursue its own nuclear programs.

Washington is pushing for North Korea to fully disclose all of its nuclear activities and allow outside monitoring before it receives any assistance for its struggling economy.

Yonhap said the explosion occurred at 11 a.m. Thursday in Yanggang province near North Korea's border with China.

"We understand that a mushroom-shaped cloud about 3.5 to 4 kilometers (2.1 to 2.5 miles) in diameter was monitored during the explosion," Yonhap quoted an unidentified diplomatic source as saying in Seoul, South Korea's capital.

Yonhap said an unidentified South Korean official reported seismic activity related to two blasts in North Korea at 11 p.m.

Thursday was the anniversary of North Korea's founding on Sept. 9, 1948 — a date North Korean leader Kim Jong Il uses to stage performances and other events designed to bolster loyalty among his constituency.

U.S. says key to Darfur violence in hands of U.N., Africa, Sudan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The key to stopping the ethnic violence in western Sudan rests not with the United States alone but with the United Nations, other African countries and Sudan itself, President Bush's foreign policy advisers said Sunday.

"We can't operate alone in this one. This is where we do need the international community," Secretary of State Colin Powell said on ABC's "This Week."

He said the Bush administration is seeking support for expansion of an African Union monitoring force now building in Sudan. The United States also has asked the U.N. Security Council "to begin considering whether or not sanctions are appropriate to put more pressure and to cause Sudan to behave properly," Powell said.

The proposed resolution, which would threaten penalties against Sudan's fledgling oil industry, met with strong Security Council opposition. Diplomats said the critics were led by Pakistan, Algeria and China, which would give five vetoes that, if used, would kill the resolution.

On CNN's "Late Edition," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said the African Union, which has hosted peace talks since Aug. 23 in Nigeria, should "remain in the lead to get an augmentation of the African Union of force that is already on the ground."

Once agreement is reached on a way to augment the force, said the United States and others are prepared "to help get them there." She left unclear whether U.S. money or logistical help like trans-

portation would be necessary.

Raids by government soldiers and the Janjaweed militias have killed 30,000 people and displaced 1.2 million homeless in 19 months.

The United Nations considers it the world's worst current humanitarian crisis. Powell caused a stir Thursday with testimony in Congress that the chaos

in the west of Africa's largest country amounts to genocide by the government-backed ethnic Arab militias against the region's black African Sudanese.

He said Sunday the declaration did much "to focus attention on the actions of the Sudanese government."

The finding of genocide was based on interviews by State Department specialists with 1,136 refugees in neighboring Chad, where they had fled from Darfur. The interviews found a "consistent and widespread pattern of atrocities committed against non-Arab villagers," a department report said.



Voters line up outside a polling center to cast their ballot in Hong Kong on Sunday. Early turnout was brisk in the legislative elections that could give pro-democracy figures more clout than they have held since China reclaimed Hong Kong in July 1997.

Hong Kong's big voter turnout favors pro-democracy figures

BY DIK BEVERIDGE
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — A record 1.7 million Hong Kong voters cast ballots Sunday for an election that sent a fresh contingent of pro-democracy opposition politicians to the legislature, but apparently not as many Beijing's allies had feared.

The contest was surrounded in controversy even before the results were tallied. Polling stations ran short of ballot boxes, prompting some angry people to give up rather than wait to cast their vote. Politicians from the opposition Democratic Party conceded they had probably fallen short of expectations, after two candidates became embroiled in campaign scandals. One remains locked up in mainland China after allegedly being caught with a prostitute.

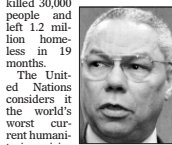
"The scandals hurt us a lot,"

said Democratic Party lawmaker Fred Li, who won a seat, according to TV exit polls. The Democrats accused pro-Beijing rivals of stirring up trouble. The pro-Beijing contingent denied the charges.

The exit polls also predicted victory for a veteran activist known for chanting slogans, burning flags and demanding fuller explanation from China about its deadly military crackdown on the 1989 Tiananmen Square democracy movement.

If "Longhair" Leung Kwok-hung ends up inside the legislature instead of staging protests outside it, he could become a major nuisance for unpopular Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa.

Official results weren't expected until Monday, but the exit polls conducted for several local media outlets by Hong Kong University researchers were seen as a reliable barometer.



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U.S. threatens sanctions after Iran refuses to curb nuclear activities

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday it would not abandon uranium enrichment, rejecting a key demand by three European powers that have threatened to intensify pressure if Tehran does not curb its nuclear program.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said Iran had the technology required for its nuclear fuel cycle, and would not reverse the situation. But he repeated that Iran was willing to provide guarantees that it was not seeking to build nuclear weapons.

Sunday's announcement could lead to the International Atomic Energy Agency's recommending that Iran's nuclear file go to the U.N. Security Council, which can impose sanctions on Tehran.

U.N. Undersecretary of State John R. Bolton said Sunday Washington would pursue sanctions against Iran if it did not renounce its quest for nuclear weapons.

Iran has repeatedly said it has no ambition to build a nuclear bomb, but U.S. officials say its nuclear program goes beyond what is required to generate electricity. Speaking in Israel, Bolton said if Iran follows the lead of Libya, which dismantled its nuclear weapons program, it could prevent sanctions. But he said Iran had refused to take the necessary steps in the past five meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

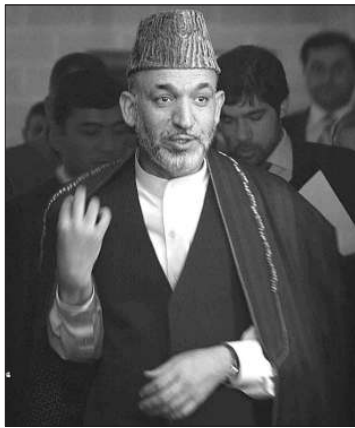
Asefi said at a news conference in Tehran: "If the demand is that we don't master nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, it's out of the question, because we have reached that point."

"But if Europeans want assurances that we only make peaceful use of nuclear energy, we are ready to give guarantees," he said.

According to a confidential document, Britain, France and Germany have set a November deadline for Iran to meet certain conditions meant to banish concerns that it is secretly trying to make nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards began military maneuvers Sunday Sunday near the border with Iraq, with a top commander saying the exercise was designed to reinforce Iran's resolve to defend itself against "big powers."

Mohammed Bagher Zolqadri, a senior officer of the Revolutionary Guards, did not mention the United States by name but was clearly referring to America.



Afghan president Hamid Karzai arrives Sunday at a news conference in Kabul, where he condemned rioters who had stormed U.N. compounds and stoned U.S. soldiers.

EXCHANGE RATES

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South Korean won (Sept. 13)	1,116.00
Euro (Sept. 13)	\$1.20
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Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

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Money tip of the day

Protecting luggage

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — When you travel, consider that you're putting hundreds or even thousands of dollars' worth of belongings in a relatively vulnerable place: luggage.

Checked bags and their contents can be mishandled, misplaced, stolen or lost forever in a sea of unclaimed baggage. If you're even more unlucky, your bag may go astray at the outset of your trip when you're far from home, away from emergency contact information and clean clothing.

Here are a few ways to keep a track of your property and stave off travel problems:

■ Prepare a list of everything included in your checked baggage.

■ Keep a copy at home and a copy with you in your carry-on. ■ Put identification tags on the outside and inside of your luggage, recommends the Department of Transportation's Aviation Consumer Protection Division. Make sure each tag includes your name, home address and home and work phone numbers. Inside the bag, also in-

clude your contact information for your destination city.

■ Make sure the airline or airport employee checking in your bags has placed a destination tag on each one. The tag should have a three-letter code that matches the name of your destination airport.

■ Ensure that your luggage stands out, especially if you have a generic black suitcase. Buy a bright-colored identification tag or luggage belt, or tightly knot a patterned scarf around the handle.

■ Lock your bag once it has been examined by airport security. If your luggage doesn't have a key or combination lock, buy cheap plastic security seals at an office supply store. Seal the zipper and cut the security seal off once you arrive.

■ You also should prepare for the unexpected. Take a carry-on bag with cash, prescriptions, a change of clothes, toiletries, travel documents and anything else you might need within the first 24 hours of arrival. Also carry on anything valuable — such as jewelry, cameras, electronics or heirlooms — or fragile items, such as eyeglasses.

Afghans storm U.N. compound

At least 3 locals reported killed

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — At least three people were reported killed and dozens injured Sunday when protesters ransacked U.N. compounds and clashed with security forces in a western Afghan city, a day after President Hamid Karzai fired his warlord governor. The U.S.-backed interim leader, facing a fresh security crisis ahead of Oct. 9 elections already threatened by Taliban militants, denounced the rioting and said he would deal with it "strongly."

Angry protesters took to the streets following Saturday's announcement that Gov. Ismail Khan, the regional strongman, had been "promoted" to a Cabinet post in the capital.

Mobs chanting slogans against the government and in favor of Khan turned their wrath on the United Nations, storming and looting two of its compounds and forcing its staff to flee to an American military base.

At least one U.N. vehicle and a guard house were set ablaze, spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said.

Several U.S. soldiers were injured when rocks were thrown at them as they helped evacuate dozens of U.N. staff and relief workers to their small base in the city. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said.

Afghan police and soldiers

tried to control the crowd by firing warning shots but wounded as many as 10 people, Interior Minister spokesman Latfullah Mashal said.

Mashal said the police and soldiers only fired into the air and that no one was killed.

But the provincial health chief said three people were fatally injured, including a 15-year-old boy. Samim said 51 more were wounded, including one patient who was in critical condition. Most suffered bullet wounds, he said.

"I can tell you with authority that U.S. soldiers did not fire a shot," Lt. Col. Pamela Keeton, a spokeswoman for the U.S. military, said.

Keeton said three American soldiers suffered minor facial or shoulder injuries, while one Afghan soldier was more badly hurt. She didn't elaborate.

Karzai condemned the rioters, who also burned the office of a Danish aid group and wrecked the local branch of the Afghan human rights commission, saying they were damaging Afghanistan's fragile peace process.

There was no suggestion that Khan had orchestrated the protests. Still, Khalilzad said he had called the former governor on Sunday to ask for his help.

Khan promised to make a televised appeal to Heratis to "urge cooperation with the new government and work for stability and peace in Herat," Khalilzad said.

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U.S., Iraqis gather plan government

Ivan slams Grand Cayman, sets eye on U.S.

BY JAY EHRRHART
The Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — Hurricane Ivan battered the Cayman Islands with ferocious 150-mph winds Sunday, flooding homes, ripping off roofs and toppling trees three stories tall as its powerful eye thundered just off shore.

Ivan has killed at least 60 people in its path of destruction across the Caribbean and was headed next for western Cuba, where it was expected to hit Monday. It also could brush the Florida Keys and parts of Florida's Gulf Coast.

The hurricane, which grew to the most powerful Category 5 with 165 mph winds Saturday, lost some strength before tearing into the wealthy Cayman Islands chain, a popular scuba diving destination and banking center.

The islands are better prepared for the punishment than Grenada and Jamaica, which were slammed by Ivan in the past week — though Jamaica was spared a direct hit Saturday. The Caymans have strict building codes and none of the shantytowns and tin shacks common elsewhere in the Caribbean.

While it was nearly a direct hit on Grand Cayman, the eye of the storm did not make landfall, passing instead over water just south of the island, said Rafael Mojica, a meteorologist at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Still, emergency officials said



Tony Tucker, left, and Demetrius Simpkins board up the windows Sunday of the Hurricane Seafood Restaurant in Pass-A-Grille, Fla. Cuba braces to become Hurricane Ivan's next target, while Floridians were hopeful Ivan would miss the state.

residents from all parts of the island were reporting blown-off roofs and flooded homes as Ivan's shrieking winds and driving rain approached Grand Cayman, the largest of three islands that comprise the British territory of 45,000 people.

The government said Grand Cayman was "experiencing the most severe portion of Hurricane Ivan" on Sunday morning with peak winds of 150 mph.

Though there were no immedi-

ate reports of injuries in the Caymans, the death toll elsewhere rose as hospital officials in Jamaica reported four more deaths, for a total of 15. At least 34 people were killed in Grenada, where the hurricane led widespread destruction. Scattered deaths occurred on other islands and in Venezuela.

Officials reported 3,000 people had filled all shelters on Grand Cayman, while about 750 people in Cayman Brac island were in shelters.

Keys exhale in relief, Panhandle still leery

BY HILARY ROXE

The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — The only whooshing sound Hurricane Ivan stirred in the Keys and populous South Florida on Sunday was a sigh of relief from residents no longer fearful the 150-mph storm would make a direct hit.

But even as Ivan veered west on a course that would take it away from the 120-mile island chain and Florida's east coast, forecasters warned that the state, already slammed by two powerful hurricanes in a month, was not out of the woods yet.

Ivan's forecast track across the eastern Gulf of Mexico could take it ashore on the Florida Panhandle, which took a glancing blow from Hurricane Frances, or parts of the state's west coast that are recovering from Hurricane Charley.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, Ivan had put sustained wind of 150 mph, down from 165 mph on Saturday, and was centered 225 miles southeast of Cuba's western tip, the National Hurricane Center said. The minimum for Category 5 status is 156 mph wind.

The storm was moving toward the west-northwest at 10

mph and was expected to turn gradually toward the northwest.

While hurricane center projections had the storm bypassing the Keys, brushing it with only tropical storm-force wind, uncertainty about its course prompted officials to keep an evacuation order in place for the island chain's 79,000 residents.

Gov. Jeb Bush said about half of the Keys' residents obeyed the evacuation order. But the Overseas Highway, the only way in and out of the Keys, was not blocked and some evacuees began trickling back during the weekend, though officials were not sure how many.

A few Key West restaurants reopened, beachgoers went kite surfing and some grocery shoppers — no longer fearful they'd lose power for their freezers — bought ice cream.

Forecasters acknowledged Sunday what many were thinking.

"The east part of Florida looks like it got lucky," said Rafael Mojica, a meteorologist at the hurricane center. However, he added: "The west part is still within the cone of uncertainty and any deviation to the right by Ivan could mean a close call."

10 killed in suspected arson in suburban Ohio

BY ANITA CHANG

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A suspected arson fire raced through an apartment complex in suburban Columbus on Sunday, killing 10 people in one apartment and forcing others to jump from third-story windows to escape.

At least 53 people lived homeless by the fire in Prairie Township, which destroyed the building's roof and third floor, melted siding and left its wooden skeleton exposed.

Antonio Noriega said firefighters pulled him from a ladder as he tried to rescue his brothers and nephews.

"My family is dead," Noriega said. Eight of his relatives and two friends lived together and Noriega did not believe any of them made it out of the building.

The fire came just six weeks after three fires were set in the same building in an empty apartment and hallway, said Fire Chief Steve Feustel. There were no suspects and no known witnesses to Sunday's suspected arson, he said.

The victims, including a child, lived on the third floor and tried to escape, Feustel said.

"They were out of their beds. They didn't die in their sleep," he said.

Two people, including a

woman who jumped from a window, were being treated at Mount Carmel West hospital, Feustel said. Their conditions were still being assessed, a nursing supervisor said.

Residents of the gutted 24-unit building stood vigil outside — some wrapped in blankets, some quietly sobbing. Dozens more joined them as news spread.

The fire started about 2:30 a.m. in the basement or first floor, but the cause was not known, Feustel said. He said the fire burned fiercely in a hallway, blocking people from escaping.

Pascasie Mulanigulwa, who lives in the next building, was awakened by the light through her bedroom window. "I saw people jumping down out of the third floor. It was terrible," she said.

The American Red Cross was handing out water, coffee and doughnuts, and helping residents find temporary housing Sunday.

Noriega said his family members were all immigrants from Mexico who came to Columbus four years ago. Many in the family worked together at a landscaping company.

"My family, they're sleeping and the fire is coming in," he said. "I can't help my brothers."

DOJ reports crime rate for 2003 holds steady at 3-year low level

BY CURT ANDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's crime rate last year held steady at the lowest levels since the government began surveying crime victims in 1973, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

The study was the latest contribution to a decade-long trend in which violent crime as measured by victim surveys has fallen by 55 percent and property crime by 49 percent. That has included a 14 percent drop in violent crime from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003.

"The rates are the lowest experienced in the last 30 years," Justice Department statistician Shannan Catalona said in the report. "Crime rates have stabilized."

The 2003 violent crime rate — assault, sexual assault and armed robbery — stood at 22.6 victims for every 1,000 people age 12 and older. That amounts to about one violent crime victim for every 44 U.S. residents.

By comparison, there were 23 violent crime victims per 1,000 people in 2002. In 1993, the rate was 50 per 1,000 people.

Murder is not counted because the Bureau of Justice Statistics study is based on statements by crime victims. In a separate report based on preliminary police data, the FBI found a 1.3 percent

increase in murders between 2002 and 2003 — from 16,200 to about 16,420.

The new survey put the rate for property crimes of burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft in 2003 at 163 for every 1,000 people, compared with 159 the year before. The slight increase was not con-

sidered statistically significant.

The National Crime Victimization Survey is based on annual interviews by Census Bureau personnel with about 150,000 people at least 12 years-old. The FBI does a separate crime study based on reports it receives from law enforcement agencies nationwide.

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Reactions mixed about Bush's service record

Some troops say missed drills are common; accusations trouble others

The Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga. — Frank Jones says he's angry about newly revealed memos that indicate President Bush got preferential treatment in the Air National Guard during the Vietnam war, but he's not surprised by favoritism in the Guard.

Jones, a Republican from Troy, N.Y., served in Vietnam in 1970 and 1971 before doing 16 years in the Guard himself. As the presidential election nears, Jones says controversy over both candidates' military records and the mounting death toll in Iraq are important issues.

"I'm really in neither camp at this point," he said.

"However, I do see a direct correlation to Vietnam. The body count is really starting to get to me."

Some current and retired members of the National Guard and other military services say the newly revealed Bush documents do not bother them, while others say they are troubling.

The documents, which became fodder for Democratic critics last week, indicate Bush was suspended from flying with his Texas Air National Guard unit because he missed a medical exam and that he missed six months of training. Questions have been raised about the documents' authenticity.

Lt. Col. Jim Driscoll, spokesman for the Georgia Army National Guard, said retired servicemen may comment on political issues such as the Bush documents, but most current reservists and active-duty servicemen

would hesitate to voice their political opinions.

"It would be inappropriate," he said. "The president is our commander in chief and so we have to be very careful from an ethical perspective of how we express our political opinions."

Some who served in the National Guard say it is common practice to miss drills — even up to six months — because of job conflicts, family problems or illness.

Ralph Bradley, 56, a Republican from Albany who served three years in Vietnam in the Air Force and 17 years in the Georgia Army National Guard, said members are encouraged to make up drills so they don't lose pay or retirement benefits.

Army Reserve Sgt. Tim Wilding, 37, of Jefferson City, Mo., agreed.

Back home for two weeks of leave from Iraq, Wilding said he remains a staunch Bush supporter despite allegations Bush may have tried to get out of Guard drills for several months in 1972.

"A lot of guys don't serve for four or five months at a time," he said. "They've got other stuff going on. They'll make it up later on, or they just won't get paid. That's really no big deal to a lot of National Guard soldiers."

Allegations of suspect conduct during the Vietnam war also have been leveled at Sen. John Kerry, who won three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star.

A group sponsoring television ads challenging his wartime record contends Kerry's own gun fire caused the wound that brought his first Purple Heart.

Navy records and other veterans do not support the charge.

Ahmad Majied of Albany says the latest allegations about Bush's military record are more troubling to him than allegations about service honors leveled at Democratic challenger Kerry.

Majied, a Democrat from Albany who served 30 years in the

Navy, including five years as a SEAL in Vietnam, said the memos support his belief that Bush was a "playboy" during his service years.

"He had enough money to get what he wanted," Majied said. "I think his main concern was not to go to Southeast Asia. I bet he never dreamed it would come

back to haunt him."

Neal Eubanks of Leesburg, Ga., who served 39 years in the military — 23 in the Air Force and 16 in the Georgia Army National Guard — said the presidential candidates should move beyond their military records and focus on the issues, such as the economy and unemployment.



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Kerry suggests GOP may suppress voters

By NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Kerry suggested Saturday that Republicans may try to keep black voters from casting their ballots to help President Bush win in November.

"We are not going to stand by and allow another million African-American votes to go uncounted in this election," the Democratic presidential nominee told the Congressional Black Caucus. "We are not going to stand by and allow acts of voter suppression, and we're hearing those things again in this election."

Kerry has a team of lawyers to examine possible voting problems to try to prevent a repeat of the 2000 election disputes. "What they did in Florida in

2000, some say they may be planning to do this year in battleground states all across this country," Kerry said. "Well, we are here to let them know that we will fight tooth and nail to make sure that this time, every vote is counted and every vote counts."

Bush-Cheney spokesman Steve Schmidt said the campaign would not respond to Kerry's "baseless, divisive attacks" until Sunday.

"Today is a day of remembrance," he said. The Massachusetts senator also criticized the president for failing to meet with the caucus since his first month in office and for what he said was a failure to meet the biblical standard set by the Good Samaritan to help others in need.

Blacks are one of the most loyal Democratic voting blocks, and Kerry needs to bring them to the ballot box if he is to overcome his trail in the polls and defeat in Bush. Kerry opened by joking about how CBC Chairman Elijah Cummings, D-Md., has an easier race ahead than he.

"The latest survey has him up 80-20, I said, 'Want to trade?' Kerry said.



Kerry

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Riding the wave

BY BARRY KOLTUNOW
The Orange County Register

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — A big movie star doesn't walk into a plush Beverly Hills hotel suite carrying a plate of spaghetti.

But Colin Farrell does.

A big movie star doesn't interrupt a string of career-making roles in big-budget movies, including "S.W.A.T.," "Minority Report" and the upcoming Oliver Stone epic "Alexander," with an understated perfor-

On run of astonishing success, Colin Farrell feels no need to follow rules or expectations

mance as a sexually ambiguous character in a low-budget drama called "A Home at the End of the World."

But Colin Farrell does.

In fact, the 28-year-old Irish actor doesn't follow a lot of the rules of Hollywood stardom. And that, my friends, is the point.

"I have never pursued movie stardom, even though it seems as if I have," the ravenous and fast-talking Farrell says between bites of his pasta.

He cleans the plate in less than a minute, and then washes it down with a long swig of dark Irish beer. Satiated, he places the empty plate on a dresser and fires up a Camel Light. It will not be his last. He is wearing an open shirt,

blue jeans, a chain metal belt and a wool cap that he removes and puts back on several times during the interview. It's almost as if he uses the cap to emphasize a point.

"I don't care about being a movie star," he says. "I like to work. If it turns out that by working at what I love, I become a movie star, then so be it. I'm not going to fight it."

But he's certainly going to enjoy every moment of it. The tabloids and gossip hounds have had a field day with Farrell ever since he started acting in American movies about five years ago.

At one time or another, he has been linked to almost every available actress in town, and even to some who weren't available. He recently had a son with a woman he's dated, and his drinking and partying have become the stuff of Hollywood legend.

The interesting thing is that Farrell doesn't bother to deny any of it, although he insists that the media gives him too much credit.

"I'm single, I'm rich and I'm a movie star," he says without apologies. "If I can't have fun at this, what's the point?"

"But I think the media writes so much about me because they're bored and have nothing better to do. I'm not quite as wild as they say I am. I work hard and, at the end of the day, I socialize and have a good time. I don't see anything wrong with that."

"If I start drinking so much that when I report to the set in the morning, I can't do my work, then come see me."

The son of a professional Irish football (soccer) player, Farrell was the youngest of four children. He first dreamed about following in his father's footsteps until he discovered girls. Girls didn't leave time for training.

So he followed his older brother into acting school and soon found work in small

films and the theater, in both his native Dublin and London. It was in a London play that Kevin Spacey saw him and suggested him to director Joel Schumacher who was casting "Tigerland," a film about a group of young recruits sent to participate in war games to prepare them for Vietnam.

Farrell next played Jesse James in "American Outlaws," followed by the role of a soldier opposite Bruce Willis in "Hart's War," the terrorized executive in "Phone Booth," the spy-in-training with his acting idol Al Pacino in "The Recruit," the bald, tattooed villain in "Daredevil," the heroic police officer in "S.W.A.T." and Tom Cruise's nemesis in Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report."

So, the question needs to be asked: Why take a sharp right turn from that stardom course by appearing in "A Home at the End of the World?"

This is a small, Oscar-quality film written by Michael Cunningham, who wrote "The Hours," and directed by Michael Mayer, whose last directorial assignment was the Broadway musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Hardly the kind of film one would expect from a rising Hollywood superstar.

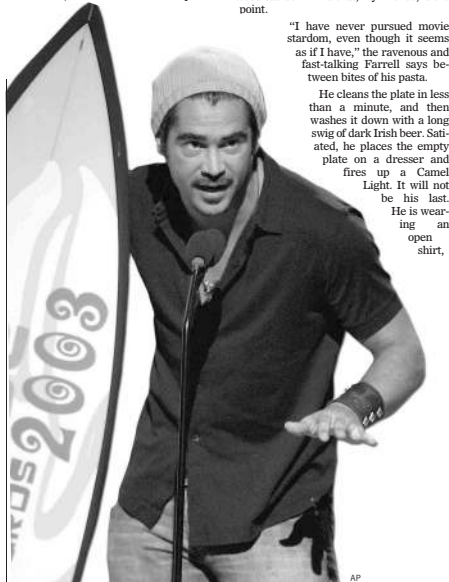
"I read the script and it was so powerful, I told my agent that I had to be in it," Farrell said. "I didn't care whether it was good for my career. It was wonderful work."

Farrell reaches for another Camel Light and takes a long pull on the cigarette.

"I'm not chasing movie stardom," he says when told of Mayer's comments. "I'm only chasing my own destiny. There is no master plan. There is only a series of unrelated moves."

"But I do feel a greater sense of purpose since the birth of my son. It's the most incredible thing in the world. For the first time in my life, it makes me want to stick around."

"That doesn't mean I won't continue to have my fun. It doesn't mean I don't want to use to disrespect the rules of Hollywood. I just don't have to be so loud about it anymore."



Nelson, Carter together again

Willie Nelson visited former President Jimmy Carter, a long-time friend, to tape a television special and a free concert for residents of Plains, Ga., Carter's hometown.

About 3,000 people attended Nelson's concert last week in Plains, and the two were brought together again for a Country Music Television special, "CMT Homecoming: Jimmy Carter in Plains."

Carter said that in recent conversations he and Nelson "couldn't think of any issue on any subject" on which the two disagreed. "We have a long friendship," Carter said.



Nelson

De Niro defends roles

Robert De Niro dismissed accusations that his Mafia roles have smeared the image of Italian-Americans, arguing that he plays realistic characters including many who could not be construed as stereotypes.

De Niro's defense came after the Order Sons of Italy in America, a fraternal organization of Americans of Italian heritage, wrote a letter to the Italian government, urging it to cancel its plan to award the actor honorary citizenship. The government rejected that request, and is expected to confer the honor next month.

"The characters that I played are real—



De Niro

they are real. So they have as much right to be portrayed as any other characters," De Niro said, during promotion Friday of the animated feature "Shrek Tale."

Beckham making bank

David Beckham's bank accountant is bending — from all the weight.

Beckham's five-year contract with Gillette to plug its razors and blades will earn him \$61 million.

The European equivalent to Michael Jordan will now make more than the No. 1 American athlete money-maker, Tiger Woods, whose total earnings are estimated at more than \$70 million. Earlier this year, Sports Illustrated reported the Real Madrid soccer player's income at \$30 million a year.

The slogan for the Gillette ad blitz is "Shave it like Beckham," a takeoff of the

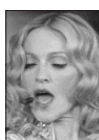
British movie "Bend It Like Beckham."

Madonna special dropped

Even Madonna doesn't always get what she wants.

A deal for the pop diva to show a tape of one of her concerts on CBS has fallen through.

Madonna wanted the special to air for more than two hours and be commercial-free, said CBS entertainment spokesman Chris Ender. The network wasn't willing to give up more than two hours of its prime-time schedule and insisted on commercials.



Madonna

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

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[MOVIES] • SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P #ESPNews	Pacific Report	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Liv) (CC)	#ESPNews	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)						
7	AFN-ATL #330 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Zoboomafo (E) (CC) (DVS)	Animaniacs (CC)	Lizzie McGuire (CC)	All That (CC)
8	NEWS CNN Daybreak	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS #4/40 MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced (Taped)	#SportsCenter	#College Football Teams to Be Announced						#SportsCenter		#RL Racing Delight Indy 300. From Chicago/Ledford Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)
10	SPEC The Simpsons Bart's 10th Birthday	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray in a motorcycle gang (CC)	Monk Tyson Dale the Whale, an 800-pound reclusive, is the prime suspect in a judge's murder (CC)	The Proud Family (CC)	Everwood "The Great Doctor Brown" (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A Hollywood star's defense team pulls the CSI team on trial (CC)	Biography Wayne Newton: The King of Las Vegas. A profile of singer Wayne Newton (CC)	Friends Rachel's wedding-eve boyfriend (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and George meet TV executive (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	Blue State (1999, Comedy) (CC)	Married... With Children (CC)
11	AFN-HM Behind the Scenes	*** "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001, Comedy) Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth, Hugh Grant (CC)	*** "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001, Comedy) Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth, Hugh Grant (CC)	*** "Bowling for Columbine" (2002, Documentary) Filmmaker Michael Moore examines gun violence in America. (R) (CC)	Everwood "The Great Doctor Brown" (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A Hollywood star's defense team pulls the CSI team on trial (CC)	Biography Wayne Newton: The King of Las Vegas. A profile of singer Wayne Newton (CC)	Friends Rachel's wedding-eve boyfriend (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and George meet TV executive (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	Blue State (1999, Comedy) (CC)	Married... With Children (CC)
14	TMV *** "The House" (2002, Drama) Mary McCormack, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman. Three women in different areas suffer emotional crises. PG-13 (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)	Republican National Convention Coverage of the Republican National Convention in New York, New York. (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
24	PBS Off the Grid Doc Diego's latest show. (E) (CC) (DVS)	Dragon Tales The latest show. (E) (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
25	SHOW #Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith. A man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, D.C. (R) (CC)	*** "The Untouchables" (1992, Crime) Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner. A man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, D.C. (R) (CC)	*** "The Untouchables" (1992, Crime) Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner, Kevin Costner. A man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, D.C. (R) (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
27	A&E City Confidential A city investigates the shooting of a woman's estranged husband. (CC)	American Justice "Scottie Brown" A man has his ex-wife murdered in front of her four babies. (CC)	American Justice "Scottie Brown" A man has his ex-wife murdered in front of her four babies. (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
28	DISC To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
29	TFI (15) OK, Fine Whiteater										Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
30	CNN+ Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
31	GOLF PGA Golf John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic - Second Round. From Tulsa, Okla.										Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
32	TLG Clean Sweep "Relatively Messy" Getting rid of clutter. (CC)	In a Fix "Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls" A contractor gets in over his head trying to fix his own house. (CC)	In a Fix "Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls" A contractor gets in over his head trying to fix his own house. (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
34	TOON Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon						Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
35	ANPL The Crocodile Hunter "Where Devils Run Wild" Roaming Tasmania searching for the Tasmanian tiger. (CC)	The Daily Show	The Daily Show								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
36	COM Late Night Eric, Amy Poehler, Roseanne Leche. (CC)	The Daily Show	The Daily Show								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
40	NGCA Treasure Seekers A French naturalist stumbles across the ruins of Angkor Wat in 1856.	The Daily Show	The Daily Show								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
41	Real TV Real TV (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
42	FOX Fame "Stagefight" Chris considers quitting the School when he develops a severe case of stage fright.	Blind Date A man goes to drink and shopping. (CC)	Blind Date A man goes to drink and shopping. (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
44	BET 106.6 PAK: BET's Top 10 Live LL Cool J.	BET.com Count-Down	BET.com Count-Down								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
46	COURT NYPD Blue "Dead Man Talking" Simone and Spivey suspect a man in the health of his wife and child. (CC)	Cops Police pursue burglars in stolen cars. (CC)	Cops Police pursue burglars in stolen cars. (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
48	STR-WLD The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus (CC)	Just Shoot Me (CC)	John Doe (CC)						Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
50	LIFE The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
51	ABCAM Full House Jesse enters Jesse's life embracing Jesse's life. (CC)	Full House Jesse enters Jesse's life embracing Jesse's life. (CC)	Full House Jesse enters Jesse's life embracing Jesse's life. (CC)								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
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58	ADV 1 #5:30 Selling's Everest	King Wildwater A team of women kayakers travel to New Zealand.	King Wildwater A team of women kayakers travel to New Zealand.								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
59	MTV 2004 Video Music Awards Pre-Show Coverage of artists and scheduled performances for the awards show.	2004 Video Music Awards The ceremony takes place at the American Airlines Arena in Miami; performers include Usher, Kanye West, Yellowcard, Jay and Jessica Simpson.	2004 Video Music Awards The ceremony takes place at the American Airlines Arena in Miami; performers include Usher, Kanye West, Yellowcard, Jay and Jessica Simpson.								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	
60	NICK Juice "The Wild Thornberry"	Juice "The Wild Thornberry"	Juice "The Wild Thornberry"								Charlie Rose Republican National Convention. (N) (CC)	

OKINAWA TV

Morning
10:35 "Karyushu" Okinawan Musical (RBC)
Afternoon
3:00 National Athletic Meet: Swimming (NHK EDO)
3:12 Grand Sumo: The 3rd Day (NHK EDO)
5:50 News News (NHK)
7:00 News News (NHK)
7:25 What I Like About You (NHK EDO)
10:00 Grand Sumo Digest (NHK)
10:30 Grand Sumo Digest (NHK/R)

JAPAN TV (BS7)

Morning
6:00 World News
7:00 World News
8:00 World News
9:00 World News

11:00 MLB: Anaheim Angels vs. Seattle Mariners
Afternoon
2:30 PBS NewsHour
3:00 CNN News
3:30 CNN News
5:25 CNN News
5:50 CNN News
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Hanshin Tigers vs. Chunichi Dragons
9:30 MotoGP: Portuguese GP Highlights
10:00 MLB Highlights
10:30 Grand Sumo Digest
10:50 News
11:30 Economic News
12:15 News
12:30 News
1:30 Green Bay Packers vs. Carolina Panthers
2:30 Asian News
3:50 PBS NewsHour
4:40 Asian News
5:50 World News
7:00 World News
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9:00 World News

JAPAN TV (BS11)

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Wien Trombone Quartet
Afternoon
1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 3rd Day (Billsun-gai 4 p.m.)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 TV Series: Murder Rooms: The Patient's Story
9:00 French Movies: The West Wing
10:30 French Movie (1995): Les Liaisons Dangereuses (1:45)

WOWOW

Morning
6:45 U.S. Movie (2001): The Ponder Heart
Afternoon
12:30 TV Series: The Sopranos
1:00 U.S. Movie (1987): Mannequin (1:35)
1:30 TV Movie (2002): The Scorpion King (1:35)

4:10 U.S.-Canadian Movie (2001): Who is Cleopatra? (1:30)
Evening
5:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
5:00 Series: Death Watch
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
10:00 U.S. Movie (1993): Sleepless in Seattle (1:50)

MTV

Morning
6:00 Wake Up
7:00 M. Live Fresh Monday
7:30 M. Live
10:00 Music Video
10:00 Music Video
Afternoon
12:00 Ashlee Simpson
12:30 Making the Video: A Rule
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music

3:00 Top Choice
4:00 Top Choice Selection: Hip Hop, R&B Reggae
5:00 Top Choice
5:00 Top Choice
Evening
6:00 M. Live
7:00 World Chart: Express Supported by MTV
9:00 Top Choice
9:30 M. Live
10:00 M. Live
11:30 Pure Music
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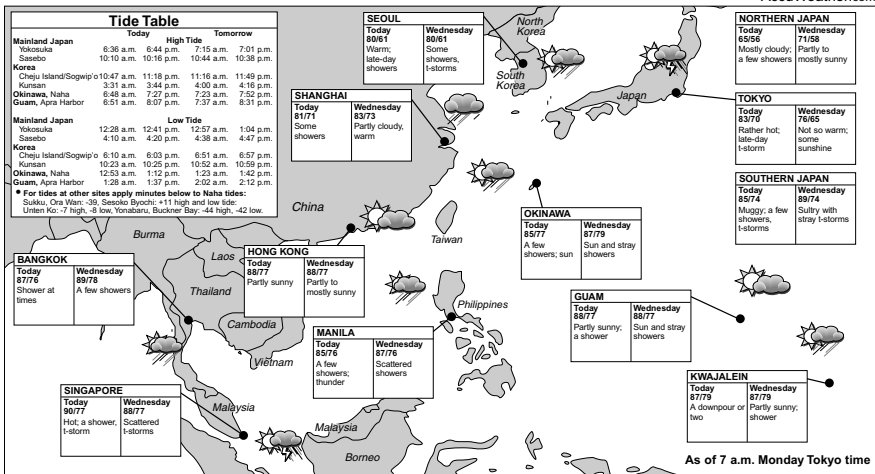
AM RADIO SPORTS

Morning
12:00 NFL: Monday Night Football - Kickoff
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 76, low 66.
Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 79, low 70.

KADENA

Thursday: Showers, high 87, low 77.
Friday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 79.

SEUL

Thursday: Showers, high 82, low 68.
Friday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 67.

MANILA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 89, low 76.
Friday: Showers, high 87, low 76.

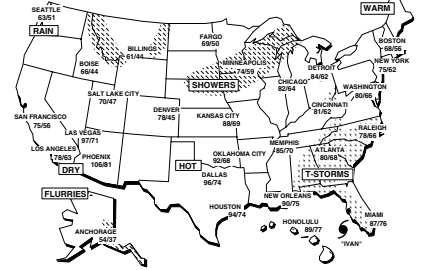
HAGATNA

Thursday: Showers, high 88, low 77.
Friday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 77.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	90/63	Los Angeles	86/66
Amarillo	95/65	Little Rock	90/66
Anchorage	58/43	Louisville	85/67
Ashville	79/58	Miami	90/79
Baltimore	84/60	Milwaukee	84/63
Birmingham	87/68	Nashville	85/65
Bismarck	91/60	New York	79/66
Boise	74/50	Omaha	91/68
Boston	75/62	Orlando	91/75
Brownsville	95/74	Philadelphia	81/64
Buffalo	78/59	Phoenix	108/82
Burlington	78/61	Pittsburgh	82/58
Charleston, SC	83/70	Portland, OR	70/57
Charlotte	84/62	Portland, ME	73/55
Chicago	80/60	Salt Lake City	87/60
Columbus, OH	84/63	St. Louis	87/67
Duluth	70/57	San Antonio	95/72
El Paso	95/68	San Diego	80/70
Hartford	79/56	San Juan	92/77
Helena	62/46	Tampa	92/75
Indianapolis	85/63	Tulsa	92/68
Jacksonville	87/72	Washington	82/66
Kansas City	89/67	Wichita	94/70

Tuesday, September 14



U.S. Extended Forecast

Hurricane Ivan will continue to move into the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday, bringing it closer to the United States. Elsewhere, a cold front will bring thunderstorms to parts of the upper Great Lakes into the central Plains. Another cold front will bring some showers to the northern Rockies, but the highest elevations could receive flurries. Ivan is expected to turn to the north and make a landfall along the Florida panhandle Wednesday. It is then expected to continue to move through the Southeast Thursday. The speed and track of Ivan are still somewhat uncertain; therefore, all interests in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, Florida and the Southeast should continue to monitor this very dangerous storm.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/76	Iwakuni	84/71
Beijing	82/62	Kadena AB	85/77
Camp Casey	80/62	Kunsan AB	79/67
Christchurch	47/30	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	85/76
Hagatna	88/77	Masawa AB	77/57
Hanoi	86/70	Osan	79/63
Hong Kong	88/77	Perth	67/51
Honolulu	89/77	Pusan	76/56

Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	89/72	Budapest	81/60	Kabul	98/65	Nairobi	81/69
Athens	83/66	Buenos Aires	70/50	Kiev	72/55	New Delhi	100/82
Auckland	57/45	Cairo	90/65	Kuwait	105/72	Oslo	60/43
Baghdad	102/66	Cancun	84/73	London	61/45	Paris	63/43
Barbados	88/73	Cape Town	73/45	Madrid	78/50	Rio de Janeiro	75/66
Barcelona	72/57	Geneva	64/49	Mexico City	75/55	Rome	80/61
Berlin	71/55	Honolulu	76/61	Montreal	73/58	St. Petersburg	63/49
Bermuda	84/72	Jerusalem	87/61	Moscow	84/68	Stockholm	60/49
Brussels	66/47	Johannesburg	79/55	Qaddafi	66/50	Warsaw	74/59



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OPINION

Assess Abu Ghraib from outside looking in

The Washington Post

A day of congressional hearings Thursday confirmed two glaring gaps in the Bush administration's response to hundreds of cases of prisoner abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The first is one of investigation: Major allegations of wrongdoing, including some touching on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other senior administration officials, have yet to be explored by any arms-length probe.

The second concerns accountability. Although several official panels have documented failings by senior military officers and their superiors in Washington, those responsible face no sanction of any kind, even as low-ranking personnel are criminally prosecuted. To use the phrase of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., this "is beginning to look like a bad movie."

Rumsfeld has frequently boasted of the number of Pentagon investigations into the abuse scandal and has maintained that no others are necessary. Yet the senior officer in charge of those probes, Gen. Paul Kern, told the Senate Armed Services Committee of two major areas that remain unexplored. One is the Army's accommodation of dozens of "ghost prisoners" held by the CIA and deliberately hidden from the International Red Cross in violation of the Geneva Conventions and Army

regulations. Rumsfeld has acknowledged that at least one of those prisoners was held by his personal order — an order that two former secretaries of defense, James Schlesinger and Harold Brown, testified was "not consistent" with international law.

Kern reported that the CIA had flatly refused to provide his team with information about the ghost prisoners, their handling and prompting McCain's acerbic comment.

The only investigation of those cases under way — other than the internal review the CIA announced to be conducting behind its stone wall — is assigned to the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashchuk. Yet Mikolashchuk has already delivered one report purporting to find no evidence of such detainees, and according to reporting by Elise Ackerman of the Knight Ridder news service, Mikolashchuk himself commanded ground forces in Afghanistan at a time when ghost detainees were being held.

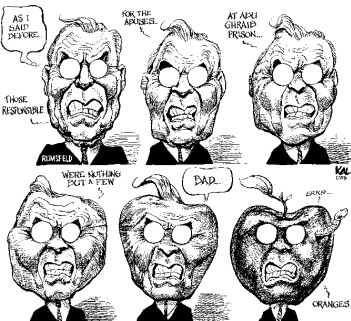
Kern also acknowledged that the Pentagon has never answered the critical question of how harsh interrogation techniques promoted by Rumsfeld and other political appointees at the Pentagon and the Justice Department "found their way into documentation that we found at Abu Ghraib," the notorious prison outside Baghdad. As Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., pointed out, those techniques were

"way out of bounds," "inappropriately" classified memos, he said, show that professional military lawyers opposed them from the beginning because "they violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice, they violated international law and they would get our people in trouble."

Nevertheless, as Kern put it, tactics that were "being debated back here in the United States found [their] way into the hard drives of the computers that we found in the prison." No investigation has clarified that "migration," or why Rumsfeld and other senior officials allowed it to occur even after the methods they proposed were determined to be improper.

Nor has the malfeasance by senior officials so far documented been attached to any formal consequences. Investigators confirmed that senior officers in the headquarters of Iraq commander in chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, including two generals, knew of the illegal abuses at Abu Ghraib but failed to report them to more senior commanders. Sanchez himself twice signed off on interrogation policies that the investigators found, contained illegal methods and opened the way to abuses. Yet none of these senior officers faces the courts-martial of more junior personnel, or any other sanction.

Rather, the Bush administration's investigators are striving to protect them: Kern insisted that Sanchez was "a hero."



To his credit, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, refused to accept this dodge. Instead, he asked that Kern and his associates re-examine the cases of Sanchez and other senior officers, and he pledged to investigate the ghost prisoners. Yet it seems unlikely that a single congressional committee, buffeted by the pressures of an election year, will succeed in filling the holes it has uncovered.

The best solution is that recom-

mended [last] week by eight retired generals and admirals, including a former U.S. commander in the Middle East: an independent commission like the one that studied the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The former officers said the panel was needed "to investigate and report on the truth about all of these allegations, and to chart a course for how practices that violated the law should be addressed." As Thursday's hearings showed, the Bush administration has failed at both those tasks.

Fourth Estate is friendly territory for Kerry crowd

In the event John Kerry loses the presidential election, it won't be the end of the world for him. He still will be a U.S. senator married to a billionaire.

For the Democrats — an anti-war party

that has been masquerading as a pro-war party — a choice must be made. Will they follow their Deanean impulses into the political wilderness for a generation? Or will they compete again for the political center?

The big losers could be the major media, which have discarded all pretense of objectivity, fairness and truth in their efforts to defeat

The Globe said in a story Sept. 8 that "no one has come forward with any credible report of having witnessed Bush performing guard service in Alabama." Retired Lt. Col. John "Bill" Calhoun, who ran the safety office of the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, to which Bush was assigned for his Alabama drills, told The Associated Press in February that he saw Bush every drill period.

Why doesn't The Globe consider Calhoun a credible witness?

The Globe goes on to confuse service in the Selected Reserve (which requires attendance at drills) with service in the inactive Reserve, to charge, falsely, that Bush missed drills when he was attending Harvard Business School in the fall of 1973. (Bush had completed his drilling service obligation the preceding June and July.)

NBC's "Today" program has never had a member of Swift Boat Veterans for Truth as a guest, but it is allotting three mornings for interviews with Kitty Kelley, who has written a book alleging that the young George W. Bush was a cocaine user.

Newsweek magazine was given the opportunity to excerpt Ms. Kelley's book, but declined, because her previous journalistic efforts rarely have risen to the standards of the National Enquirer.

Good thing. Ms. Kelley alleges that her source for the cocaine story is Sharon Bush, embittered ex-wife of Neil Bush, black-sheep brother of George W. and Jeb. Sharon Bush issued the following statement: "I categorically deny that I ever told Kitty Kelley that George W. Bush used cocaine at Camp David... Although there have been tensions between me and vari-

ous members of the Bush family, I cannot allow this falsehood to go unchallenged."

The major media, by and large, are slinging mud for the Democratic Party. This has not gone unnoticed.

At the Republican convention, Fox News had more viewers than either CBS, ABC and NBC. Never before had a cable network drawn more than a small fraction of the audiences of the broadcast networks.

Half or more of America's voters are likely to vote for Bush in November. They do not take it kindly when news organizations slant, twist, massage and ignore facts in order to boost his opponent, and they are taking their business elsewhere.

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Jack Kelley



President Bush.

CBS and The Boston Globe are trying to resurrect for the third time the "controversy" over Bush's service in the Air National Guard. (For those of you who were living on another planet in January and February, Bush missed five months of drills in the spring and summer of 1972 when he moved from Texas to Alabama to work on a political campaign. This was permissible, provided he made them up later, as the record indicates he did.)

On "60 Minutes II" Wednesday, CBS broadcast an interview with Ben Barnes, who claimed he used his influence to help Bush get into the Texas National Guard. Barnes, one of Kerry's leading fund-raisers, had been claiming he had exerted his influence on behalf of Bush as lieutenant governor, until he was reminded that Bush entered the Texas Air National Guard in the spring of 1968, and Barnes didn't become lieutenant governor until 1969.

Mallard Fillmore



BY BRUCE TINSLEY

'Fools' avoid penalty

PA PITTSBURGH — Creators of an April Fool's Day edition of Carnegie Mellon University's student newspaper won't be disciplined for slurs that sparked campus protests, but The Tartan and the school must do more to promote diversity, a campus panel said.

Describing the publication as understaffed, untrained in journalistic ethics and seen by some as out of step with campus views, the commission created by Carnegie Mellon President Jared Cohen to investigate the matter offered an array of recommended changes to various Tartan policies.

The commission said the 12-page broadsheet titled Natrat — "Tartan" spelled backward — exposed "problems endemic to The Tartan as a whole."

But in explaining how derogatory and violent depictions of minorities, women and gays found their way into print, the panel also suggested that campuswide shortcoming with regard to fostering diversity may have contributed.

Family finds injured girl

CO FORT COLLINS — A 14-year-old girl who was critically injured after falling off the roof of a moving vehicle in an unusual attack at "car stinging" was reunited with family members at a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital.

Cheyenne, Wyo., police said they had arrested a 17-year-old girl suspected of stealing the vehicle from which Shailynne Manning fell.

Police Lt. Robert Korber said Cheyenne officers found the stolen 2004 Buick Century at a home in the city.

Fort Collins detectives questioned the 17-year-old but had not arrested her in connection with the incident, Korber said. Detectives believe the teenager, who was not identified because of her age, stole the vehicle from a relative's house near downtown Cheyenne about two weeks ago.

Authorities had been unable to identify Shailynne when she was first reported injured, but media attention helped her father find Shailynne, who had been missing for two days.

Popeye's party

IL CHESTER — Oh, Popeye! The sailor man is looking buff for a guy of 75.

Fans of the spinach-eating comic hero will celebrate his 75th birthday with a picnic in the Mississippi River hometown of his creator.

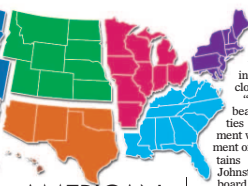
It's the 25th year of the picnic and organizers have said as many as 30,000 people once attended the event in Elzie Segar's hometown. But those numbers have dwindled to just a few thousand in recent years.

Picnic organizers say they hope those numbers will rebound this year.

City-hall thief

TX AUSTIN — You may not be able to fight city hall, but you can steal from it — at least for a while.

John David Woods has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for



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stealing more than \$100,000 from 24 city halls across Texas to pay off Internet gambling debts.

Prosecutors said Woods, 34, had developed a system during the three-year string of thefts. He would rent a car, drive to another town, sneak into the city hall and take all the money he could find.

"He said he felt like it wasn't stealing from people because it was money possessed by the city," Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley said.

Gator swinger sentenced

FL DAYTONA BEACH — A man who swung an alligator at his girlfriend during six months in jail.

David Havenner, 41, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery and possession of an alligator, said Linda Pruitt, spokeswoman for the State Attorney's Office. He changed his earlier plea of not guilty, she said.

Sheriff's officials said Havenner was keeping the 3-foot gator in his bathtub and swung it at his girlfriend, Nancy Monico, 39, during an argument on July 16.

Clouds go postal

DC WASHINGTON — The post office is reaching for the clouds.



A tall job

Tommy Joseph, of Sitka's Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center, left, and Ron Sheetz, a wood conservator from Harpers Ferry, W.Va., look over the 60-year-old state-owned tottem pole in downtown Sitka, Alaska.

A set of new self-sticking stamps is planned for release by the U.S. Postal Service next month depicting 15 different types of clouds.

"These cloudscapes are beautiful reminders of our ties to the larger environment we live in — an environment of air and water that sustains us all," said William Johnstone, secretary to the board of governors of the agency.

First-day-of-issue ceremony will be held Oct. 4 at the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton, Mass., with the stamps going on sale nationally the next day.

Bait spawns in Lakes

MI PONTIAC — Not all of the Great Lakes' invasive species arrived in the ballast water of freighters.

Scientists believe the rusty crayfish, a native of the Ohio River basin, came to the Great Lakes in bait buckets.

"That's the most likely pathway — anglers using them as bait and moving them from place to place," Mike Klepinger, a Michigan Sea Grant extension specialist, told The Daily Oakland Press. "We don't have much in the way of specific evidence for that, but we can't figure any other way."

Wanted: natural food

OR PORTLAND — Amy's Kitchen, a thriving frozen-food company in California, is being aggressively courted by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who has been trying to persuade organic and natural food businesses from the state to move north to Oregon.

The governor has lobbied the company with projections that it could save nearly \$4 million on workers compensation costs, energy and taxes. Kulongoski even paid a personal visit to the company's headquarters in Santa Rosa. "He just came in and said 'Hi, I'm Ted,'" said Andy Berliner, who co-founded the \$100 million-a-year company.

Oregon needs eco-friendly food processors to help keep its 17 million acres of agricultural land profitable and productive, said Marty Brantley, Oregon's director of economic and community development.

When jails go bad

TN WAYNESBORO — Officials shut down a crowded, run-down county jail amid fire and safety violations including an inmate sleeping on a floor partly covered by water from leaky plumbing.

A surprise inspection Aug. 26 at the 31-year-old Wayne County Jail found 16 violations, including smoke alarms that did not work, officials said.

"It was just pretty horrendous," said Paula Wade, spokeswoman for the state Department of Commerce and Insurance, which oversees the state fire marshal's office. "It ain't the Hilton."

Prisoners were either moved to other jails or ordered released early by judges while repairs costing about \$250,000 are done over the next six months.

The jail was built to hold 23 prisoners but was housing 42 on the day of the inspection.



Feeding time

Dairymen Earl Cruze feeds one of his calves on his farm near Knoxville, Tenn.



A misty horizon

A fishing boat heads into the harbor at Oswego, N.Y., from Lake Ontario, ahead of a huge bank of clouds created by cool air over the warmer water, which partially obscures the Oswego Lighthouse.



Catch it if you can

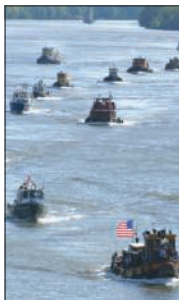
Jean Kusar throws balloons into the crowds at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, Ohio.



A family affair Tattoo artist Paolo Acuna, right, of Phoenix, draws a tattoo design on the arm of his wife, Amette, at the Boston Tattoo Convention in Boston's South End neighborhood.



Classical dog Stranger, a mixed-breed male dog, sits on the shoulder of Cathy Tucker, one of his owners, as the Middletown Symphony Orchestra plays in the background at Sunset Park in Middletown, Ohio.



Follow the leader The tugboat Urger, lower right, leads tugboats traveling north on the Hudson River near Troy, N.Y., to take part in the sixth annual Tugboat Round at Waterford Visitors Center in Waterford, N.Y.



Zozobra's on fire Fireworks explode before the burning of Zozobra at Fort Mary Park in Santa Fe, N.M. The 80th annual burning of Zozobra marked the beginning of the Santa Fe Fiesta.

Campus speech

CO DENVER — A university president and a Democratic state lawmaker said rules put in place this year to protect conservative viewpoints on Colorado campuses have harmed free speech and led to death threats against professors.

Republican lawmakers responded that conservative students are still being harassed and more needs to be done.

The comments came as a handful of college officials and students went before the Legislature's Joint Education Committee to report on efforts to enforce the Academic Bill of Rights. All state-funded colleges adopted the policy this year under pressure from Republican lawmakers.

The measure encourages the schools to review student rights and campus grievance procedures "to ensure that intellectual and political diversity is explicitly recognized and protected and to ensure those rights are adequately publicized to students."

Teen accused in ID scam

GA HAPEVILLE — Police have arrested a 15-year-old boy who they say racked up thousands of dollars in charges and even built his own police car through an elaborate identity theft scam that took credit card numbers from at least a dozen people.

The boy, who has not been identified because of his age, allegedly operated the scheme from his mother's home in Hapeville, just south of Atlanta.

Police say the teenager was able to have himself listed as an authorized user for others' credit cards. He ran up \$17,000 on one card and \$10,000 on another, police said.

So far, police have identified at least 12 victims.

Arrest over tip fight

NY LAKE GEORGE — A New York City man accused of leaving an inadequate tip at a restaurant was arrested, fingerprinted and photographed for a mug shot.

Humberto A. Taveras, 41, faces a misdemeanor charge of theft of services after with his fellow diners argued with Soprano's Italian and American Grill managers over the legality of requiring an 18 percent tip for large parties.

"They chased us down like a bunch of criminals," Taveras said. "It killed our weekend."

Taveras and eight others had pizza at the restaurant in this resort village. He told the Glens Falls Post-Star they weren't completely satisfied with the food and left a tip of less than 10 percent. Taveras said they also were not told of a mandatory 18 percent gratuity for parties of six or more and did not see notice of it on their menus.

Booze is back

TX LOCKHART — City leaders belied up to the bar and women danced the "Charleston" to celebrate the return of strong drink to a Central Texas town best known for its tasty barbecue joints.

Lockhart once was known as a Wild West town full of saloons and outlaws, but hard booze has been banned since 1920.

After Prohibition ended in 1933, residents could buy only beer.

But in May, residents of the community of 40,000 overwhelmingly voted to allow hard liquor and wine sales.

A coffee bar on the courthouse called Javamonst obtained the city's first and only liquor license. And the town's long dry spell ended when the bartender began pouring Mayanitas — a vodka, whiskey and chocolate concoction that became the first legal mixed drink sold in Caldwell County in 84 years.

Major payroll error

CT MIDDLETOWN — The Chicago Cubs and The Hartford Courant are battling a former newspaper carrier to get back the last of \$301,000 it accidentally gave to him instead of a baseball player with the same name.

The Tribune Co. money that was meant for Mark Guthrie, the relief pitcher, was sent to the bank account of Mark Guthrie, the Courant deliveryman, in three payments, the final one made last October. Five weeks later, the Cubs realized the error, and the team took back \$275,000 before Guthrie from the account.

The Cubs sued in February but last month filed legal documents offering to drop the suit if he handed over the final \$26,000.

Dunes become a park

CO DENVER — Colorado will become home to the country's newest national park when Interior Secretary Gale Norton officially reclassifies the Great Sand Dunes National Monument.

Norton was set to join Rep. Scott McInnis and Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell in a ceremony at the dunes to designate the southern Colorado site a national park. McInnis, Campbell and fellow Republican Sen. Wayne Allard sponsored legislation and lobbied to have the 750-foot dunes, North America's tallest, the surrounding mountains and the sagebrush-dotted high desert turned into a national park.

The dunes hug the bottom of the snowy Sangre de Cristo Mountains that tower over the San Luis Valley. The landscape changes from 8,200-foot-high grasslands, to the dunes, to 13,000-plus-foot mountains and alpine lakes — all within four miles.

Break in cold case

MD BALTIMORE — It was a slaying that even 30 years later is heartbreaking in the details.

On Christmas Eve 1974, 40-year-old McKinley Johnson Jr., making holiday baskets to give away as he did every year, confronted a man who stole a can of Spam from one of the baskets. He was shot and killed for his trouble.

A man wanted for the killing was recently arrested in Boston.

Michael Hughes, now 58, was arrested for allegedly stabbing a man he thought was gay. He had been arrested several times since the Baltimore killing but was only connected when a Boston transit police booking officer discovered Hughes was using several aliases and ran a fingerprint that was recently arrested in Boston.

Hughes' family said he was acting in self-defense when he shot Johnson.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The new moon is in Virgo, along with such heavy hitters as Jupiter and Mars (not to make light of Virgo's guiding planet, Mercury, in the sign of helpful improvements, too). The new moon always signifies a perfect start date for new ventures, but this one is particularly stellar, as you're got gumption, good intentions and common sense.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 14) You've got your mojo turned up this year. You capture the hearts of people who want to pay you more, romance you and make your way easy. Your sense of fairness drives you to better relationships with people contributing to your good financial fortune in October. Travel in November. Heart connections are with Libra or Sagittarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're enthusiastic about your work, and it gains momentum because of this excitement. Avoid the tendency to back off right when something good happens. Your wit and dry humor attract love like crazy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stars highlight the more easygoing facets of your personality. You're surrounded by people who let you be, so it's easy for you to return the favor by tolerating the eccentricities of others. Let your hair down tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You've got the gift of economy. Much can be done with very little effort when you have a solid plan. If there are no instructions for the task you face, modeling yourself after one you admire is the easiest way to stay on track.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You may feel unproductive, but don't fret for a second that it's true. Consider broadening your definition of work to include all that needs doing by you. It will help you to feel proud of yourself (instead of frustrated) at day's end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Though you bigger-than-life response to things is part of your Leo charm, it's important not to overreact. Losing

your cool is off-putting, whereas keeping it shows you're capable of handling great responsibility (and great reward).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your actions reflect your values, and your values dictate your actions.

Make sure you're spending time on tasks that correctly represent your priorities. People who call you only when they need you are not true friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your relationships and emotional life take most of the focus—in fact, it's hard to concentrate on anything else. It appears you're stuck between a rock and a hard place, but another person looking at your situation would say, "Sweet."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You'll be bumping into friendly, interesting people everywhere you go—you'll learn something valuable from the person sitting in the seat next to you. Use your psychic sense to invest. The logical choice is not the winning one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're attractive but may wish you weren't. The all-encompassing love of a partner overwhelms you or makes you want to flee. The more independence you exert, the more someone wants to get closer to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are ready to raise the stakes in a relationship—but more of your heart (and your lifestyle) on the line. Singles could ask the question that makes their palms sweat. Couples could intertwine their lives further.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Just relax. If you are anxious, you won't be able to react quickly. As the martial arts teach, it is the force of speed, not muscle, that allows a relatively slight person to break through a concrete slab.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You must remain positive to keep the team going. But being positive can mean identifying potential trouble sources so you can steer clear. Don't be afraid to speak up if you're the only one who sees a possible problem ahead.

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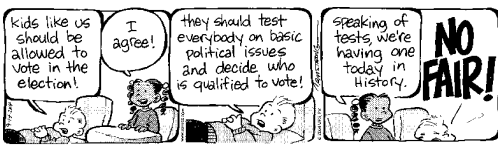
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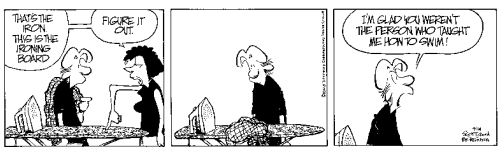
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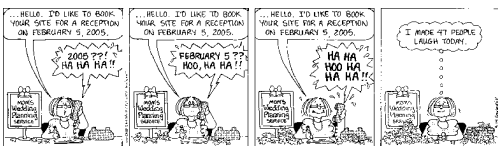
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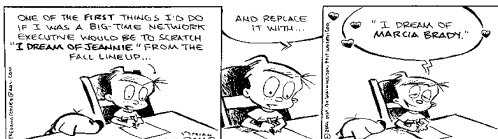
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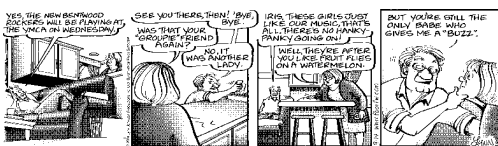
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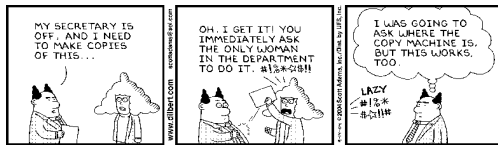
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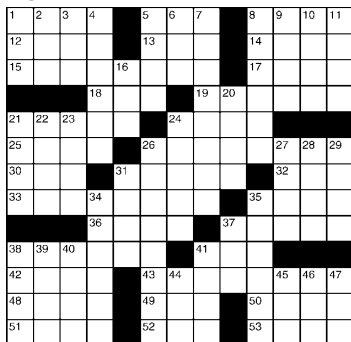
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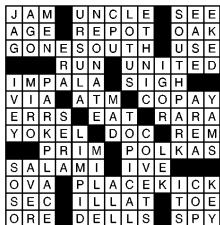
Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 5 Branch
- 8 Hump-shouldered ox
- 12 Place of worship?
- 13 Debtor's letters
- 14 Fleur-de-lis
- 15 Spade user
- 17 Discumbers
- 18 Illustrations
- 19 Haggle over the price
- 21 It could be a step up
- 24 Medal earner
- 25 Burg
- 26 "Heart of —"
- 30 Past
- 31 London newspaper
- 32 Witty comment
- 33 Diamond event
- 35 Vitriol
- 36 Inscrutinably nice
- 37 Pointer
- 38 Tweak
- 41 Fuss
- 42 Slightly
- 43 Club, for example
- 48 Be philanthropic
- 49 Bar supply
- 50 Wild plump
- 51 Luminary
- 52 Wield a needle
- 53 "Desire Under the —"
- 2 Son-gun link
- 3 Lincoln or Ford
- 4 Establish by decree
- 5 "— Misbehavin'" ox
- 6 Baby shad?
- 7 Whodunit victim
- 8 Transparent gem
- 9 Actor Estrada
- 10 Linger
- 11 Cold War abbr.
- 16 Blunder
- 20 Gets under one's skin
- 21 Impale
- 22 Forum garb
- 23 MP's quarry
- 24 Overly theatrical
- 26 Blood-purifying method
- 27 Eastern potentate
- 28 Unaccompanied
- 29 Slumgullion
- 31 Weekend lover's abbr.
- 34 Hang around
- 35 Check out the stacks
- 37 Do arithmetic
- 38 Periodicals, for short
- 39 Last writes?
- 40 Prima donna
- 41 One more time
- 44 Eagle on a par-3
- 45 Indisposed
- 46 URL tag
- 47 Cook
- 48 Bull?

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 1 Trail the pack

9-14 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN NEWBORN DUCKS HEAR BALLROOM MUSIC, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DANCE CHICK TO CHICK?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: F equals P

Warning signs for failed marriage

Dear Abby: Two weeks ago, my husband let it slip that he wants a divorce. Since we were married, his personality has changed completely. He is not the man I married.

I would like to pass along some tips for anyone considering marriage, and share some of the bright-red flags I chose to ignore.

■ If your parents or siblings have doubts about him, pay attention. Listen and check it out.
■ If you intended has nothing good to say about his ex, beware. This is a pattern. Divorce is rarely only one person's fault.

■ If his friends have nothing to do with him, do not believe him if he says his ex brainwashed them against him.

My stepchildren have told me it was because they hated him, and they have good reasons.
■ Look closely at his credit and job history. They are sure predictors of what your life will be like.

■ If he's over 30 and has no

money, do not let him move in with you, and don't marry him until he's financially solvent. If he has any respect for you (and himself), he'll insist on it.

■ Be sure in your heart that you can live with him AS IS. You cannot change another person.

■ This is a biggie: Beware if he has no friends. It is not true that they all chose to side with his ex.

■ If your friends dislike him, pay attention. This is also true if he hates your friends.

■ If he has more than one DUI and still drinks, run! — If he is one personality at work or with others, and another person alone with you, run.

■ If he has nothing to do with his parents, investigate why. Don't take his word for it.

■ If he has sexual problems, go with him to a doctor before you marry him. Believe me, his problem will become your problem.

■ If he is emotionally or verbal-

ly abusive, it will only get worse.

Yelling, name-calling and glowering are classic signs of an abuser.

■ If he is never wrong and never apologizes, everything will be "your fault" forever. And after years of hearing it, you may even start to accept the blame.

■ And if he's mean to children, pets or animals, recognize that he's pathological, and the next victim could be you.

I am now 100 percent disabled and in danger of losing everything. I was taken in by someone who came to regard me as a disposable item. I only hope my letter will save someone else from the heartbreak I'm experiencing.

— Eyes Wide Open in Mississippi

Dear Eyes Wide Open: Your letter is brimming with well-thought-out advice, and I hope my readers will heed it. I wish you luck.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

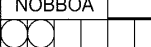
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Answer: " " " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: LAUGH JUICE ELIXIR TINKLE Answer: What the couple did when the upstairs neighbors had a dance party — HIT THE CEILING

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: " " " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

Husband springs Viagra on wife

Dear Annie: My 70-year-old husband recently had his annual physical. His report came back perfect. Yet, my husband of 47 years came home with a prescription for Viagra.

I am angry. I maintain that I had a right to be included in this decision. He says I am "way off base and it's no big deal." Is he right? Do physicians routinely prescribe Viagra to 70-year-old men with no questions regarding the support of their wives on this issue? I would like to hear from other older women in similar circumstances.

— Married to the Old Goat in Virginia

Dear Married to the Old Goat: If your husband told his doctor that he suffered from impotency, it's unlikely the doctor would have asked you for your opinion. The question is, why didn't your husband discuss this with you first? Many older men want to feel virile and young and think Viagra is the answer. Unfortun-

Annie's Mailbox



nately, not all wives are happy about the additional stress this can put on their sex lives. You're overdue for a long discussion.

Dear Annie: Two years ago, my darling 35-year-old daughter, "Celine," became engaged. There was no money for a ring, so I offered her a diamond that had been in my family for years. Celine and her fiancé had the diamond reset into a beautiful engagement ring. She paid for this herself.

Several months later, Celine canceled the engagement. She recently became engaged to someone else, and this man presented her with his grandmother's ring, which is gorgeous and has several diamonds. I asked Celine if she would return the diamond I had given her, and I offered to replace it with another stone of her choice in the same setting. She went absolutely berserk. She carried on so viciously about returning

the "gift" that I had to ask her politely to leave.

In my driveway, on her way out, she let loose with an obscenity that totally devastated me. We haven't spoken since.

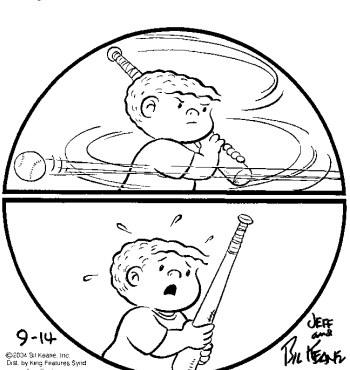
I am terribly torn by this and miss my daughter.

— Distressed Mom in Florida
Dear Mom: Celine ought to be ashamed of herself for such selfish, childish behavior. However, while it would have been thoughtful to return the diamond, she apparently thought it was a gift without strings. If you expected otherwise, you should have made the conditions clear to her at the time.

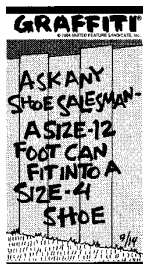
It's sad that Celine values the diamond more than her mother, but you obviously love her. Would she have inherited this ring someday? If so, it is a small price to pay for reconciling with your daughter. Call and tell her so.

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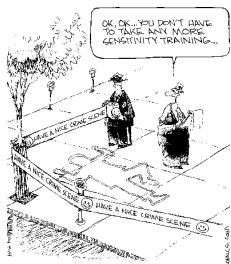
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Mayfield cuts to Chase with Richmond win

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The task was clear for Jeremy Mayfield: Win the race and don't worry about making NASCAR's playoffs.

Mission accomplished. Mayfield raced to his first victory in more than four years Saturday night, taking the Chevrolet Rock and Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway after leader Kurt Busch ran out of gas eight laps from the finish.

The victory locked Mayfield into NASCAR's race for the Nextel Cup title in the final qualifying event.

"We had no choice but to try to win the race and lead the most laps," Mayfield said. "We really put it all together because we had to win. We focused all week on that."

But Mayfield was the only driver to jump into the chase. Casey Kube, his teammate at Everham Motorsports, finished 12th

and dropped out of the top 10.

"It was a pathetic race car," Kahne said. "It was not a good day."

Jamie McMurray felt the same way, finishing in ninth place and narrowly missing the chase. He's 11th in the standings, but just 31 points out of the 400-point window that would have qualified him.

His team spent the final few laps desperately begging for help from other drivers to get McMurray more positions and more points.

But with his engine draining on power, there was nothing he could do.

"The motor just blew up again with about 25 laps to go, and there wasn't a whole lot we could do," McMurray said. "We don't deserve to be in it."

Bobby Labonte, Kevin Harvick and Dale Jarrett were the only other drivers with mathematical shots at racing into the playoff picture, but ended up as also-rans



Jeremy Mayfield holds his trophy in Victory Lane after winning the Chevy Rock and Roll 400 in Richmond, Va., Saturday.

after poor performances on the 0.75-mile track.

Jarrett finished 26th and was never a factor.

"We looked like we weren't prepared for that," he said. "We ran terrible, just terrible."

The chase will start with Jeff

Gordon as the points leader, followed in five-point increments by Jimmie Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, defending champion Matt Kenseth, Elliott Sadler, Busch, Mark Martin, Mayfield and Ryan Newman.

The points system was adopted this year, replacing the format that began in 1975 and rewarded consistency while often creating dull championship chases. The champion has typically cycled to his title with few challenges over the stretch run.

Mayfield came into the race in 14th place in the standings and knew he'd have to work hard to get into the top 10. But he came to Richmond prepared, qualifying his Dodge in seventh place and running well in all the practice sessions.

Earnhardt Jr. was second in the race, followed by Gordon, Mike Bliss, Martin, Greg Edwards, Mike Wallace, Greg Biffle, McMurray and Rusty Wallace.

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1-2 sweep for Ferrari on home track in Italy

The Associated Press

MONZA, Italy — Rubens Barrichello won the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday, overcoming an unscheduled early pit stop to finish ahead of world champion Michael Schumacher in a 1-2 showing by Ferrari on its home track.

Barrichello has won this race two of the past three years, and now has eight Formula One career victories. The performance by Ferrari sparked celebrations by thousands of Italian fans who displayed the team colors with red caps and shirts.

"It was a very exciting Grand Prix," Barrichello said. "It was magic, not boring contrary to what many people say about Formula One."

Jenson Button, who led for several laps, drove his BAR-Honda to third place. He trailed the winner by 10.1 seconds.

"Ferrari guys were just too quick today," Button said. "I did not think Ferrari could be so strong."

Barrichello was timed in 1 hour, 15 minutes, 18.48 seconds and averaged 151.511 mph.

Fernandez holds off Herta to win Delphi Indy 300

JOLIET, Illinois — Adrian Fernandez refused to give Bryan Herta any room as they raced to the finish line of the Delphi Indy 300 on Sunday, crossing the finish line 0.0716 seconds ahead to get his second win of the season.

Fernandez's first win, at Kentucky, came under similar circumstances, as he held off late challenges from Buddy Rice, Dan Wheldon and Kosuke Matsuura.

Rice might have made a run at Fernandez again if not for a scary crash on lap 186. The Indianapolis 500 winner was running fifth when Darren Manning's right

Racing roundup

front tire touched Rice's left rear as they came out of Turn 2. The impact turned Rice's car sideways and lifted it up into the air, starting a tumble up and backward over Manning's car.

The nose of Rice's car hit the track and the back of the body slammed into the wall. Rice's car slid upside down along the track, finally coming to a stop in the middle of the backstretch.

Rice's crew could be heard calling to him, but there was no response and a hush fell over the Chicagoland Speedway. When safety crews righted the car, though, Rice popped up, unscathed.

The crash brought out another yellow flag, keeping Fernandez in first place with Herta right behind him.

Carpenter wins again in Monterey

MONTEREY, Calif. — The Monterey Peninsula brings out the best in Patrick Carpenter.

The Canadian drove onto the undulating hills of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and instantly became the driver to beat, leading most of the practice sessions, taking the provisional pole and dominating Sunday's Bridgestone Grand Prix of Monterey for the second straight year.

It wasn't quite as easy as the race in June 2003, when he started from the pole and led every lap. But once Carpenter did take the lead Sunday on lap 41, he was overpowering.

"We had a great car and the pits stops were really fast," said Carpenter, whose first win since reaching Victory Lane here last year was the fifth of his career.

Horns top Hogs in latest shootout

BY JAY HUGHES

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Heartbreak struck at Arkansas' home stadium again, a trait that's become a hallmark of close games in the Razorbacks' storied rivalry against Texas.

Arkansas fans still grieve over their 1969 loss in "The Big Shootout," in which Texas came from behind to win 15-14 in Fayetteville in a game that determined the national championship.

There was less on the line Saturday night, but the hard-fought 22-20 loss to No. 7 Texas will surely gall Razorbacks — and thrill Longhorns — for years because the programs, rivals from the old Southwest Conference days, are off each others' schedule after this season and no renewal has been planned.

The loss — breaking Arkansas' 22-game winning streak against nonconference, regular-season opponents — played out before a strongly partisan record crowd of 75,671 that was silenced only when Arkansas was intercepted on the last play of the game.

"I respect Texas," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. "The thing that's so tough is that we could easily be singing our song right now."

Texas (2-0) was looking for revenge after an unranked Arkan-

sas team upset the Longhorns in Austin, 38-28 last year, when Texas was ranked No. 5.

"We hate it when we lose. We've had to answer before. Coming from behind and winning after losing the previous year was great with the whole nation watching," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Arkansas led 17-16 at halftime, but the Longhorns came from behind to retake the lead, then turned their overtime rivals back three times in the final 9:58 after Arkansas Benson rushed into two.

Cedric Benson rushed for 188 yards and scored two touchdowns for Texas, and Vince Young was 11-for-22 for 150 yards passing. The Longhorns had no turnovers and converted on fourth-and-1 at their own 40 to keep their initial touchdown drive alive.

Arkansas was led by quarterback Matt Jones, who had 93 yards on 11 carries and was 13-for-27 passing for 249 yards and two interceptions.

Arkansas (1-1) gave Texas the margin of victory on the game's first drive. Long snapper Brett Goode sailed the ball over Jacob Skinner's head and out of the end zone for a safety, putting Texas up 2-0 with less than a half-minute gone.

Early in the fourth quarter, Chris Balserio brought Arkansas back to within two with a 35-yard field goal. The Razorbacks got the



Texas running back Cedric Benson rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns in the No. 7 Longhorns' 22-20 victory over rival Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., on Saturday night.

ball on their own 48 with 6:11 left and converted on third-and-1 before Jones hit Cedric Washington for a 27-yard gain to the Texas 15. But three plays later, Jones was forced from the pocket and fumbled when the ball was punched out of his grasp from behind by Larry Dibbles. Texas' Brian Robison recovered at the 8.

After getting the ball back with 48 seconds left, Jones drove Arkansas to midfield before throwing his second interception, a desperation heave as the clock wound down. Earlier in the period, Jones' pass was intercepted at the Texas 20 by cornerback Cedric Griffin.

"It was a dog fight to the end," Brown said.

No. 3 Bulldogs rally at South Carolina

BY JACOB JORDAN

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — It's never easy for Georgia at Williams-Brice Stadium.

The third-ranked Bulldogs came from 16 points down behind David Greene's 213 yards and two touchdown passes to beat South Carolina 20-16 on Saturday night.

"Everytime we come here, it's really no fun at all," Bulldogs coach Mark Richt said.

Two years ago, Georgia (2-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) defeated South Carolina 13-7 on the way to an SEC title.

The Bulldogs were back early, but found their rhythm in their first road test of the season.

"Sometimes we get better as the season goes on, sometimes we start off hot, like we did last year," said Greene, who admitted it wasn't his best performance. "I didn't play particularly well today, don't know why. But when you're not having a great game, you've just got to fight."

Greene finally began connecting with Fred Gibson and Reggie

Brown, whose 22-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter put the Bulldogs up 20-16. The two receivers combined for 10 catches for 130 yards.

Greene was 19-for-38 with one interception. His first touchdown was a 12-yard pass to Tyson Browning near the end of the third quarter.

"When we finally scored that touchdown, we finally got something positive going," Greene said.

South Carolina (1-1, 0-1) had a couple of chances to score late.

The Gamecocks drove to the Georgia 18, but Greg Blue forced Dondrick Pinkins to fumble.

The Gamecocks got the ball back a couple of plays later when Marcus Lawrence forced a fumble.

On fourth-and-one with five minutes to go, Georgia's defense again held off Pinkins, and Paul Oliver ended the Gamecocks' final threat with an interception near midfield.

"We have to learn how to win close games," South Carolina coach Lou Holtz said. "This will be a good learning lesson for us."

With wild finish, Ga. Tech knocks off No. 20 Clemson

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

The Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Reggie Ball threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Johnson with 11 seconds left to give Georgia Tech a 28-24 victory over No. 20 Clemson on Saturday night.

Johnson, a freshman, reached high over the Tigers' Justin Miller early inside the goal line near the left sideline to haul in his third touchdown of the game.

The winning score came one play after Clemson's Geoff Riggsby's fourth-down snap skipped pass punter Cole Chason, who had to fall on the loose ball deep in his own territory.

The Tigers (1-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) still had one more chance. Aresse Currie returned the kickoff to the Georgia Tech 31 with 3 seconds to go. But Charlie Whitehurst's pass to

Kelvin Grant fell incomplete as three Yellow Jackets swarmed the receiver in the end zone.

The wild game saw five touchdowns in the final 8½ minutes, including three scores by Georgia Tech (2-0, 1-0) in the final 4:36.

The Yellow Jackets would have been out of it without Johnson and Ball. They connected for an 8-yard TD pass with 1:50 left.

Georgia Tech didn't come near recovering the onside kick and the game looked lost, especially after Whitehurst ran for 9 yards on a keeper on the next play.

But the Yellow Jackets stopped the Tigers for no gain twice, forcing Clemson to punt.

Riggsby's snap never got any height and skipped past Chason, who just fell on it at the Tigers 11. The stunned crowd didn't even have time to collect its breath before Ball found Johnson for the winning score.

Nugent field goal lifts No. 9 Ohio State

BY RUSTY MILLER

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In the quiet of the Marshall dressing room, a simple fact stood between the Thundering Herd and one of their biggest upsets ever.

"We had a chance," coach Bob Pruett said softly. "They made their kick. We missed ours."

Mike Nugent kicked a 55-yard field goal as time expired to give No. 9 Ohio State a 24-21 victory over Marshall on Saturday.

The Buckeyes (2-0) have won 13 of their last 14 games decided by a touchdown or less over the

last two-plus seasons, including a 7-0 record while winning the national championship in 2002.

"These games happen so often here it seems," linebacker A.J. Hawk said.

With the game tied, Ohio State took over at its own 45 after a poor punt by Ian O'Connor with 25 seconds left. It was O'Connor's second crucial mis-kick in the quarter. He missed a 35-yard field goal with the score tied at 21 and just over three minutes left.

After the shank, Justin Zwick hit Santos Holmes — who had 10 catches for 218 yards and two touchdowns — for gains of 9 and

8 yards. Zwick then completed a 5-yard pass to tight end Ryan Hamby, with the clock continuing to run because the Buckeyes were out of timeouts.

Zwick, who hit on 18 of 30 passes for 318 yards and three scores, was able to get under center and stop the clock by downing the ball with 2 seconds left, with a motion penalty called on the play that made the kick even longer.

Nugent then had more than enough leg — and time — to put the ball through out of a perfect hold by Kyle Turano. It matched the longest field goal by an Ohio State kicker in Ohio Stadium's 82 years.



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Notre Dame regains hope for turnaround

Irish upset No. 8 Wolverines, even record

BY TOM COYNE
The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame found a familiar way to make its problems go away — beat Michigan.

"Anytime you knock off a top-10 team it is a big win. Our guys did something significant, but it was still one win," coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We can't get ahead of ourselves. Tomorrow we have to start all over."

Using the ingredients that vaulted the Fighting Irish to wins in Willingham's first eight games two years ago, Notre Dame used a stingy defense, an opportunistic offense and a key special teams play to beat Michigan 28-20 on Saturday.

In other Top 25 games Saturday, it was: No. 1 Southern Cal 49, Colorado State 0; No. 2 Oklahoma 63, Houston 13; No. 3 Georgia 20, South Carolina 16; No. 6 LSU 53, Arkansas State 3; No. 7 Texas 22, Arkansas 20; No. 9 Ohio State 24, Marshall 21; No. 10 West Virginia 45, Central Florida 20; No. 11 Florida 49, Eastern Michigan 10; No. 12 California 41, New Mexico State 14; Fresno State 45, No. 13 Kansas State 21; No. 15 Virginia 56, North Carolina 24; No. 16

Iowa 17, Iowa State 10; No. 17 Utah 23, Arizona 6; No. 18 Auburn 43, Mississippi State 14; Georgia Tech 28, No. 20 Clemson 24; No. 21 Wisconsin 18, UNLV 3; No. 22 Minnesota 37, Illinois State 21; No. 23 Maryland 45, Temple 22; and Indiana 30, No. 24 Oregon 24.

Willingham and the Irish have been the target for much criticism while losing 10 of 15 since that eight-game run in 2002. Now, there's renewed hope in South Bend for a turnaround after a third straight victory over Michigan in South Bend.

The difference this time was an unexpected offensive star for the Irish.

Freshman Darius Walker, who didn't even play a week ago in a deflating loss to Brigham Young, ran for 115 yards on 31 carries and two fourth-quarter touchdowns. He is the first Notre Dame freshman to rush for more than 100 yards since Julius Jones had 146 yards against Navy in 1999. "I didn't even know who that was running the ball," cornerback Martin Jackson said. "He's a good player and he had a good game."

Notre Dame (1-1) earned its



RB Darius Walker (31 carries, 115 yards, two TDs on Saturday) became the first Notre Dame freshman to rush for more than 100 yards since Julius Jones in 1999 as Notre Dame defeated No. 8 Michigan 28-20.

first victory over a top-10 team since beating fifth-ranked Michigan 25-23 two years ago. Since that game, the Irish were 0-4 against top-10 teams, losing by a combined 164-27 — including the 38-0 loss to Michigan last season.

The Wolverines (1-1) lost their opening road game for a fifth straight year — again doing serious early damage to their national championship aspirations.

The biggest surprise, though, was Walker and the Notre Dame running game, which produced just 11 yards in its opener.

The Georgian ran for 61 yards on 14 carries in the fourth quarter as Notre Dame took control.

Federer wins third Slam event of year

Kuznetsova wins U.S. Open women's title

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Federer is at his best against the best, when it counts the most, and he was nearly perfect against Lleyton Hewitt.

Federer became the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam tournaments in a year, thoroughly outclassing Hewitt 6-0, 7-6 (3), 6-0 Sunday to add the U.S. Open title to those he took in the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

There hadn't been two shutout sets in the event's championship match since 1884.

And here's what was particularly remarkable: The top-ranked Federer's opponent was no pushover. Federer dominated every facet against pugnacious, backward-cap wearing, "Come on!" yelling, fist-pumping Hewitt, a former No. 1 and a two-time major champion, including the 2001 U.S. Open.

Federer led the fourth-seeded Hewitt in winners (46-12), aces (11-1), and service breaks (7-1).

And now there are all sorts of other impressive numbers Federer can lay claim to:

■ no one had won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open back-to-back since Pete Sampras in 1995;

■ including Wimbledon in 2003, Federer is 4-0 in major finals, the first man in the Open era to start a career by winning his first four;

■ he's won 11 straight tournament finals overall;

■ he's won 17 straight matches against players ranked in the top 10.

There's more: No man had captured consecutive major titles since Agassi won the 1999 U.S. Open and 2000 Australian Open. The 18 Slams since then was the longest drought in the Open era.

On Saturday night, Svetlana Kuznetsova, 19, became the third straight Russian woman to win a major by winning the women's singles title.

Pounding ferocious forehands and covering the baseline, Kuznetsova overwhelmed Elena Dementieva 6-3, 7-5 in the Open's first all-Russian final.

As of four months ago, no Russian woman had ever won a major, but Anastasia Myskina beat Dementieva in the French Open final, and Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon.



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Marlins' victory tightens wild-card race

Cubs fall half-game behind Giants, with Astros, Marlins, Padres closing in

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Juan Pierre had three of Florida's 15 hits, A.J. Burnett pitched eight innings and the Marlins beat the Chicago Cubs 11-1 Sunday to earn a split of a four-game series.

Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run double and Paul Lo Duca added a two-run single for the Marlins, who are two games back of San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. Chicago, which had been tied with the Giants, dropped a half-game back.

Florida is staying in Chicago to play at least two games against Montreal across town at the home of the White Sox. The games were moved from Miami because of the threat of Hurricane Ivan.

The Cubs and Marlins met again in a makeup doubleheader scheduled for Sept. 20 in Florida.

Burnett (7-6) took a shutout into the seventh and helped himself with two hits. He won his career-best fourth straight game and fifth in his last six starts. The right-hander gave up one run and six hits in eight innings.

The Marlins chased Glendon Rusch (6-2) with a four-run fourth.

Phillies 4, Mets 2: Vicente Padilla pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning in his best start since coming off the disabled list and visiting Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep.

Two weeks short of his 27th birthday, Padilla (6-7) retired the first 11 batters, allowed just four hits, struck out five and went one before leaving with two out in the seventh.

Padilla was sidelined for 2½ months because of tendinitis in his right elbow and was 1-2 in six starts since being activated on Aug. 9.



Montreal's Tony Batista scores a run in the ninth inning on Sunday as Atlanta Braves catcher Eddie Perez leaves the ball behind while attempting to make the tag on the play.

Tim Worrell pitched the ninth for his 19th save.

Hoping to climb back into postseason contention, Philadelphia won its sixth straight and ninth in 10 games. The Phillies moved within four games of the NL wild-card lead, but with five teams in front of them.

It was the third straight loss and 19th in 21 games for the Mets, who were swept in a three-game series at the Phillies last weekend. New York (61-81) ensured it will not have a winning season for the third straight year.

Tom Glavine (9-13) lost for the 10th time in 12 decisions.

Brewers 11, Reds 0: Russell Branyan and Brady Clark combined for three home runs and six RBIs against their former team, helping visiting Milwaukee gain a split of a four-game series.

Ben Sheets (11-11) struck out 11 in seven innings, allowing three hits and no walks in his second victory in three starts.

Branyan, who played for the Reds the

last two seasons, homered in his first two at-bats to give him three in the last three games. It was his ninth career multihomer game and second this season. He also hit two against the Chicago Cubs in Milwaukee on Aug. 18.

Clark, who spent 2001-02 with Cincinnati, added a three-run shot, his career-high seventh overall and second of the series, for a 7-0 lead in the fifth.

Geoff Jenkins also hit a three-run shot off Todd Van Poppel, his 23rd, to make it 11-0 in the sixth.

Brewers 9, Expos 8 (12): Andruw Jones drove in the winning run with a double as host Atlanta prevailed after closer John Smoltz blew a three-run lead in the ninth.

Smoltz, who failed to convert a save for the fourth time in 41 chances, gave up run-scoring singles to Eddy Chavez, Terrence Sledge and Juan Rivera as Montreal tied it 8-8.

Charles Thomas led off the 12th with a sharp groundout that shortstop Alex Gonzalez bobbled for an error. Jones followed

with a drive off Luis Ayala (5-10) that bounced to the wall in left-center.

Padres 15, Rockies 2: Brian Giles hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning, then capped a 12-run ninth with a three-run homer for visiting San Diego.

San Diego won within two games of the NL wild-card lead after only its fourth victory in 12 games. San Francisco moved a half-game ahead in the chase after Florida knocked off Chicago 11-1 on Sunday.

With the score 2-all in the eighth, Giles connected off Steve Reed (3-6) to reach 20 homers for the sixth straight season.

San Diego tied a team record with 10 hits in the ninth and finished one shy of the team record for runs in an inning. Ramon Hernandez singled and doubled in the inning and Sean Burroughs tripled and singled.

In Saturday's NL games:

Dodgers 6, Cardinals 5: Cesar Lethrus hit a go-ahead two-run single in the eighth inning and Steve Finley homered for the fourth time in three games as host Los Angeles won its fifth straight.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 3: Barry Bonds broke his major league record for walks in a season and rookie Noah Lowry allowed four hits in seven-plus innings in visiting San Francisco's win over Arizona.

Bonds walked three times, once intentionally, to run his season total to 201, surpassing the record of 198 he set in 2002.

Lowry (4-0) struck out four and walked three. The 23-year-old left-hander blanked Arizona on two hits until Chad Tracy's pin-hit home run with one out in the seventh.

Brewers 8, Expos 1: Andruw Jones and Rafael Furcal homered and pinch-hitter Julio Franco capped a six-run seventh with a two-run double. In his first start in two weeks, Mike Hampton gave up four hits in 4½ scoreless innings before leaving with a strained left knee.

Reds 9, Brewers 0: Adam Dunn hit a grand slam in host Cincinnati's seven-run third inning. Dunn and Austin Kearns hit consecutive homers off Victor Santos (4-0), and Carlos Lee homered in the sixth against Travis Phelps. Kearns and Lopez had three hits each as the Reds won consecutive games for the first time in three weeks.

Double shot in ninth lifts Yankees over Orioles

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui hit consecutive homers in the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees took advantage of 14 walks for a 9-7 comeback victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

New York trailed 6-2 in the fifth inning before rallying for its seventh victory in eight games.

It was the club-record ninth time this season that New York rallied from a deficit of four or more runs. The Yankees, who did not have a comeback of that size all last year, won despite stranding 17 runners and going 0-for-5 despite the bases loaded. New York had not received as many as 14 walks in a game since 1980.

With the score 7-all, Sheffield hit his 34th home run of the season leading off the ninth against Jorge Julio (2-5). The Yankees came later, Matsui sent a drive far over the center-field wall.

Tom Gordon (7-4) got four outs

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and Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his major-league leading 48th save in 51 chances.

Twins 8, Tigers 5: Terry Lincecum pitched eight innings and four runs and nine hits (5-8) allowed, then turned it over to his bullpen. J.C. Romero got two outs in the ninth before pinch-hitter Ivan Rodriguez singled in a run. Joe Nathan finished for his 42nd save in 45 chances, striking out Brandon Inge with runners on second and third.

Rangers 7, Blue Jays 6: Mark Teixeira homered twice, including a two-run shot in the eighth inning that sent host Texas to a sweep of Toronto.

Chen Ho Park and the Rangers couldn't hold the lead after Teixeira's three-run homer in the first. But Francisco Cordero made Teixeira's second shot stand up, striking out three in the ninth for his team-record 44th save.

Devil Rays 7, Royals 2: Jorge Sosa (4-4) allowed five hits in seven shutout innings to win for the first time since July 31. Rocco Baldelli hit a two-run single and Julio Lugo, Tino Martinez and Jose Cruz Jr. each had three hits for the visiting Devil Rays.

In Saturday's AL games: **Red Sox 9, Mariners 0:** Bronson Arroyo pitched seven shutout innings and Manny Ramirez and Mark Bellhorn homered in visiting Boston's rout of Seattle.

Arroyo (9-9) won his fourth straight decision, allowing four hits, no walks and six strikeouts. He came out with a 7-0 lead after making 85 pitches.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who leads the majors with 229 hits,

went 0-for-4 for the second straight night. He has 21 games left to tie the major league season record of 257 hits by George Sisler in 1920 for the St. Louis Browns.

White Sox 13, Angels 6: Paul Konerko singled, doubled, scored twice and drove in three runs—all during an eight-run second inning—and visiting Chicago roughed up Aaron Sele in a victory over the Angels.

Rangers 10, Blue Jays 7: David Dellucci hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning and Francisco Cordero came in with his 43rd save to match a Texas record.

Eric Hinske and Chris Gomez each hit pinch-hit homers in the top of the eighth as visiting Toronto scored three times to tie it 7-7. It was the 15th time in major league history—eighth in the AL—that a team had two pinch hitters in an inning.

Twins 3, Tigers 2: At Detroit, Cristian Guzman and Shannon Stewart homered, and Jacques Jones hit a go-ahead single in the seventh off AL Levine (3-3) as the AL Central leader won its fourth straight.

Devil Rays 8, Royals 6: Visiting Tampa Bay had a 12-game losing streak ended by scoring three times in the seventh. Julio Lugo hit his third double of the game and tied it 6-6 when he scored on a wild pitch. Aubrey Huff then tripled and Jose Cruz Jr. hit his second sacrifice fly.

Athletics 5, Indians 4: Rockies Bobby Crosby and Nick Swisher hit consecutive homers in the eighth as host Oakland stopped a five-game losing streak.

Scott Hatteberg had a two-run double for the A's.

Yankees 5, Orioles 2: Orlando Hernandez pitched seven innings of five-hit ball to become the first Yankees starter to go 8-0 since Bob Wickman in 1993. Visiting New York hit 11-1 in his starts.

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Gibbs wins in return to D.C.

Hall of Fame coach guides Redskins over Bucs

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The emotions were churning on the eve of Joe Gibbs' first season opener in 12 years, for the coach and his family.

"Good gosh! I don't know when I've ever wanted one like this," Gibbs recalled his wife as saying.

Pat Gibbs must have been a nervous wreck in the fourth quarter, when the score was tied. An interception by Antonio Pierce turned the momentum, however, and the Washington Redskins beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 16-10 Sunday to welcome the Hall of Fame coach back to the NFL.

"It was huge for me, I can tell you that," said Gibbs, who got his 125th regular-season victory and 141st overall.

"And I think it was for our players, too. ... As a family and everything else, for us it's a big deal. I told my players that I hope now the attention can go on them."

Gibbs pointed to the crowd and gave a thumbs-up sign before heading into the tunnel after the final whistle in a game in which his offense reached the end zone only once: on a 64-yard run by Clinton Portis on his first carry with the Redskins. Otherwise, the game was decided by an aggressive

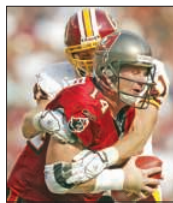
game plan from assistant coach Gregg Williams, to whom Gibbs has given control of the defense.

The Redskins held the Bucs without an offensive touchdown for the game and without a first down until midway through the second quarter. Two of Washington's three field goals were set up by turnovers.

"I can't take any credit for that," Gibbs said. "All I do is walk down there and scream, 'Stop 'em.'"

Tampa Bay finished with 169 yards, including just 30 rushing.

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers QB Brad Johnson is sacked by Washington Redskins safety Matt Bowen during the fourth quarter Sunday.



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Bearing down on defense



From left, Chicago Bears defenders Brian Urlacher, Lance Briggs and Mike Green tackle Detroit Lions running back Kevin Jones during the first quarter Sunday in Chicago. The Lions snapped a 24-game road losing streak with a 16-10 victory. NFL roundup, Page 25.



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